

neutrality act, and against the lend-lease bill were smeared by the employment of the word "isolationists." I contend, Mr. President, that there never was any such person as an isolationist. We were simply American nationalists. We are not isolationists. The fact is that there is no such person as an isolationist in this country. We are American nationalists. To the best of anyone's knowledge there is no such person in the United States as an isolationist, for an isolationist would be one who demands the abandonment of the Monroe Doctrine, the cessation of all commercial intercourse with other countries, and the recall of our entire diplomatic staff. Has anyone heard any reasonable person advocating such a policy? Of course not. All that is recommended is that the United States of America continue to follow the course which during the past 150 years has been the chief factor in its growth from 13 weak colonies into a mighty Nation. Yes; we are American nationalists, and proud of it, which means America for Americans.

DEATH OF REPRESENTATIVE HENRY B. STEAGALL

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following resolution (H. Res. 361) from the House of Representatives, which was read:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U. S.,
November 22, 1943.

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. HENRY B. STEAGALL, a Representative from the State of Alabama.

Resolved, That a committee of 10 Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provision of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. BARKLEY. Mr. President, I send to the desk a resolution, which I ask to have read, and for which I ask present consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be read.

The resolution (S. Res. 209) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. HENRY B. STEAGALL, late a Representative from the State of Alabama.

Resolved, That a committee of four Senators be appointed by the President of the Senate to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Under the second resolving clause the Presiding Officer appointed Mr. BANKHEAD, Mr. HILL, Mr. McCLELLAN, and Mr. AIKEN the committee on the part of

the Senate to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

DEATH OF REPRESENTATIVE J. WILLIAM DITTER

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following resolution (H. Res. 362) from the House of Representatives, which was read:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U. S.,

November 22, 1943.

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. J. WILLIAM DITTER, a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That a committee of 10 Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provision of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. President, I feel that I cannot let this day go by without rising to say a few words on behalf of my esteemed friend the Honorable J. WILLIAM DITTER, who fell to his death last night in a tragic airplane crash in the State of Pennsylvania.

The untimely passing of this man, in the very flower of his life, will be deeply mourned by all those who knew him, for with his passing, the Congress has lost one of its outstanding Members, the people of Pennsylvania have lost a faithful and an earnest Representative, and the Republican Party has lost an ardent and a fearless standard bearer.

Representative DITTER was above all else a straightforward American citizen, a sincere and tireless servant of the American people, in whose cause and whose behalf he was always proud to labor and to serve.

Mr. President, the inspiring example of service and honor which was J. WILLIAM DITTER will long outlive the earthly years of a life which he willingly gave to the public service and to the progress and stability of the America which he loved.

I send to the desk a resolution, which I ask to have read, and for which I ask present consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be read.

The resolution (S. Res. 210) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. J. WILLIAM DITTER, late a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That a committee of five Senators be appointed by the President of the Senate to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Under the second resolving clause the Presiding Officer appointed Mr. DAVIS, Mr. GUFFEY, Mr. SCRUGHAM, Mr. BUCK,

and Mr. BUSHFIELD the committee on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Mr. BARKLEY. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the two late Members of the House, Messrs. STEAGALL and DITTER, I move that the Senate take a recess until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 5 o'clock and 35 minutes p. m.) the Senate took a recess until tomorrow, Tuesday, November 23, 1943, at 12 o'clock noon.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1943

The House met at 12 o'clock noon, and was called to order by the Speaker.

The Chaplain, Rev. James Shera Montgomery, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Eternal Father, strong to save, as we pause at Thy altar, do Thou hear our prayer. Bless us with minds calmed and fortified by moments of withdrawal and communion. Let our words come from fountains of personal rectitude folding away doubts and difference. Not one wise word ever loses its force, not one pure enthusiasm ever failed, nor one sacrifice ever came to nought.

Increase the power of our faith in orderly government and our trust in the events of Thy providence. Impress us that there is no satisfaction comparable to that of duty wisely performed and no regret like the consciousness of opportunities lost and wasted. Grant that all ills and evils which come from discord and misunderstanding may be subdued and the ways which lead to wisdom and harmony be kept open. Dear Lord, banish all narrowness of vision and every thought of expediency and strengthen us in our deliberations with the sense of proportion, ever guarding us against the consuming weakness of avarice and ambition.

Heavenly Father, how great are Thy mysteries, and Thy ways are past finding out. Thy voice is heard in inscrutable depths of human experience, in solemn warning, and we bless Thee that it is heard in the aspirations which lead to the paradise of the soul. We pause. A double alarm is at our door, and there is no response. Two of our most capable public servants have left us. They had the respect and the admiration and the love of all their colleagues.

"Should swift death this night o'ertake us,

And our couch become our tomb,
May the morn in heaven awake us,
Clad in light and deathless bloom."

In our Saviour's name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, November 19, 1943, will be considered read and approved.

There was no objection.

TAX BILL

Mr. CLARK, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following privileged resolution (H. Res. 360, Rept.

No. 878), which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed:

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to move that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H. R. 3687) to provide revenue, and for other purposes, and all points of order against said bill are hereby waived. That after general debate, which shall be confined to the bill, and shall continue not to exceed 2 days, to be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means, the bill shall be considered as having been read for amendment. No amendment shall be in order to said bill except amendments offered by direction of the Committee on Ways and Means, and said amendments shall be in order, any rule of the House to the contrary notwithstanding. Amendments offered by direction of the Committee on Ways and Means may be offered to any section of the bill at the conclusion of the general debate, but such amendments shall not be subject to amendment. At the conclusion of the consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted, and the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion, except one motion to recommit.

THE LATE HENRY B. STEAGALL

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, it becomes my sad and painful duty to announce to the House the untimely end of one of the greatest and most gallant spirits who has ever served in this body, the Honorable HENRY B. STEAGALL, of the Third Alabama District. In my brief tenure here, I have learned to love and respect him profoundly for his qualities of heart and soul and for the qualities of leadership and service he has exhibited in this body during the past 30 years. I offer a resolution (H. Res. 361), and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. HENRY B. STEAGALL, a Representative from the State of Alabama.

Resolved, That a committee of 10 Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral;

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provision of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House;

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, Alabama is proud of HENRY B. STEAGALL and the stainless reputation he has made in this body. In his passing the State and the Nation have lost an invaluable public servant, one whose heart-beat was attuned to the needs of what he so often tenderly referred to as "the little men and women of America."

He was elected to the Sixty-fourth Congress and has served continuously since that date. He has served in the House of Representatives longer than any other Member of the House from the

State of Alabama. He has been chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency of this great body longer than any other Member in the history of that committee. The type of his service can best be indicated by a mere recitation of some of the legislation of national import which he has sponsored as a Member of this body and as chairman of that great committee. He was author or joint author of some of the most outstanding pieces of legislation enacted by the American Congress during the past decade, among which were the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, United States Housing Authority, Federal Housing Authority, Office of Price Administration, Commodity Credit Corporation and many others.

A mere recitation of the legislation which he has sponsored indicates his love and his concern for what you and I call the average man. The home life of America, the system of government of America, and the way of life of America he believed in with all his heart and soul. He dedicated his life not only to their preservation, but also to their improvement. Brave in heart, eloquent in voice, and sweet in spirit he has gone forth from these Halls to meet his Maker unafraid. He carries with him a record meriting the approval of his colleagues and of his friends with whom he served so long and so devotedly. Of greater moment, however, he also merits the approval of that just and great Judge who must pass upon the lives and characters of all of us and mete out to us our reward.

Mr. Speaker, I hope at some other date to pay a more appropriate tribute to this great American, this great Alabamian whom all of us loved so dearly and so sincerely. To the members of his family we extend our love and our sympathy.

THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE,
Washington, November 22, 1943.

The Honorable SAM RAYBURN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have just been advised of the untimely passing of HENRY B. STEAGALL, chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee of the House of Representatives.

It has been my privilege to appear before Chairman STEAGALL's committee for legislation affecting the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for the past 10 years, and for 6 years in connection with legislation for the Commodity Credit Corporation. During this time I have appeared before his committee a great many times, and invariably I have found him courteous, intelligent, considerate, understanding, and helpful.

In my view, no man in Congress has been more faithful to his constituents and to all the people of the United States than HENRY STEAGALL, and in his passing at this critical period in our history, the Congress suffers an irreparable loss.

Sincerely yours,

JESSE H. JONES,
Secretary of Commerce.

Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. HOBBS].

Mr. HOBBS. Mr. Speaker, all over the world today men are dying heroically. Of that number is HENRY B. STEAGALL. With head unbowed and the smile that we all knew and loved upon his lips, and

in his eyes, he walked into the jaws of death here Thursday. None of us knew that the Grim Reaper had already seized the muscles of his heart the day before. None of us knew that he came here knowing what he was doing after taking the medicine his physician prescribed to keep the "old pump" going.

He came here and he spoke in this Well, knowing what he was doing to himself, but like the man he was and is, it made no difference to him if that exertion in fealty to the cause he had espoused meant death. He felt the call of duty and he responded. Of such is the roll of heroes composed. This man in the midst of the fight to which duty called him, as he saw it, went down in the unequal struggle, erect and smiling with the consciousness of duty well done spurring him on to the last drop of the precious lifeblood that went through that vital organ.

So it is that on this black Monday for the House of Representatives two of its distinguished Members are being bemoaned. Two brilliant intellects, two choice spirits, two leaders of men, who followed the gleam, as they saw it, with honor and fidelity to the end. They kept the faith.

Today we are doubly bereaved. Today there is not a man nor a lady in this House who is not bowed with a sense of the weight of their respective griefs, as they knew these men. There is no need to ask the question, with regard to either of them, which has been asked so often since King David first propounded it: "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?" We know. Those of us who have the honor and the privilege of calling Alabama home, know HENRY B. STEAGALL not merely as a rare public servant and statesman, but also as a great lover of humanity. The fox hounds in his kennels whine and mourn today, for he loved them. Everything within the compass of human interest was dear to him. And no man was too poor, nor humble, to be outside the sweep of his affection. He hated none. He was friend of all.

As a public servant there was no better prosecutor than HENRY STEAGALL, to whom in the pristine days of his career his profession looked for leadership at the bar. Yet, there never was a criminal before the bar of justice in the circuit in which he prosecuted who did not pay tribute to his fairness as well as to his ability and vigor as a prosecutor.

Having shuffled off that coil of official duty, he came here, and here he made his mark. Talk about memorials and monuments, could any man claim as a legislator any greater memorial or monument than that act which he passed after 20 years of almost lone effort, providing for the guaranty of small deposits in our banks? For he was the father as well as the sponsor on this floor of the bill guaranteeing bank deposits. He was one of the moving spirits in the creation of the Federal Reserve Banking System. Through this House and from this Well he has championed and piloted probably more of the measures that have meant much to the rank

and file of our citizenry than any other one man.

Therefore, we hail him today, in sadness, out of the depths of our gloom and grief, as a leader, a real statesman, and as a friend! Truly, as my distinguished colleague already has said, Alabama is proud of him.

So in many an humble cottage, in many a marble hall, we are joined today in our profound grief by 130,000,000 sons of Uncle Sam, who realize not only that a worthy statesman has written a glorious obituary in the law of his land, not only that a brilliant Member of Congress has fallen bravely, leading a fight, but also, and more poignantly, that their friend, a friend of man, has walked smiling and unafraid into that which some call a grave, but which others, with more vision, call a door of opportunity for higher service!

We all with one accord pay tribute to such a life. There is not a man nor lady in this body, if one there be in America, who will not wish him Godspeed in the new work he began today at 9:45, for it is inconceivable that the amassed wisdom of his years of ripe experience in leadership should be unavailing in the new career which he has taken up. So one and all of us bow respectfully to the edict of the Supreme Judge of the universe and we say, "So long, HENRY, God bless you. We'll be seeing you."

As he looks back over his shoulder with the smile that we last saw Thursday from this Well he is saying, "Friends, forget me. Close ranks! Forward march!"

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. McCORMACK].

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, the House is always deeply moved and saddened in the passing of any one of our colleagues. Today the House is profoundly moved and saddened in the passing on of two of our beloved and distinguished colleagues, both of whom died in the line of duty.

HENRY STEAGALL, my personal friend, whose memory will always linger with me throughout the remaining days of my journey through life, was a leader in this body for many years. Gentle in his dealings with his colleagues and fellow men, a deep student of political science and of our constitutional system of government, he was a leader among men. Occupying a powerful position in this body, he always exercised the great power that he possessed as a trust. This is a government of laws, not of men. HENRY STEAGALL exemplified in his service in this House a deep reverence for this fundamental basis for a worldly angle on which our Government is erected.

It was only last Thursday, as the distinguished gentleman from Alabama [Mr. HOBBS] well said, that our late colleague was valiantly performing his duty in the Well of the House and on the floor of the House, engaging in active debate, with the knowledge of his physical condition, and the probable knowledge that the strain of debate might aggravate his condition and precipitate his death. Many important laws now on the statute books are a tribute to his memory, and a

great contribution to the progress of our country. Truly he died as he lived, in the performance of his duty.

I know that all of my colleagues join with me in expressing and conveying to the near and dear loved ones that he has left behind our profound feelings of sympathy in their great loss and sorrow, and all of my colleagues join with me in extending to the Alabama delegation our deep sympathy in their bereavement, and the expression of our profound sympathy to the people of the congressional district of our late colleague, and also to the people of the State of Alabama in the loss of this great son of Alabama, this great American.

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield now to the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. BROWN].

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, we were all shocked to hear of the sudden passing of our beloved colleague, the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. STEAGALL]. I am glad that this body paid him such a deserved and fine tribute on his last appearance before us on Thursday last. He was courageous, honest, honorable, and one of the outstanding men of his State, and the Nation. The country has lost a most valuable statesman, and the American farmer his best friend.

His life battle has been won in behalf of the little fellow, so to speak, and made it possible for the small depositors of America to have a safe place in which to keep their money.

He had no enemies, was charitable in his dealings with all, and led a life of usefulness in public service.

As chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee, he understood all proposed legislation brought to his committee. He had the confidence of and was held in the highest esteem by all the members of the committee.

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield now to the distinguished gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MARTIN].

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I join with the delegation from Alabama and the membership of the House in paying tribute to a great statesman, HENRY STEAGALL, whose untimely death occurred this morning. It has been my privilege to have engaged his friendship for 20 years. I know of his outstanding abilities, and the great contributions he has made to the legislation of his country. He was the author of many acts which were of great benefit to the people. Men like HENRY STEAGALL are sadly missed, and we do well to honor the memory of one who served his country and the people so well. His life, his fine personality, and his outstanding character were an inspiration to us and we shall ever remember him with fond memories. I express my personal regret at the untimely loss of this great American and to his family I give my sincere sympathy.

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Michigan [Mr. WOLCOTT].

Mr. WOLCOTT. Mr. Speaker, we are always humble in the presence of the

Grim Reaper. Today, because of this double shock, we are peculiarly humble.

Two great men have been called from this body today, for what reason it is not given us to know. Because of the faith which we have been taught we cannot believe that these great men have been taken from us except for a broader and more important service. HENRY STEAGALL has been chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee for over 10 years. He was one of the most lovable men with whom I have ever come in contact. In 1933 when I first became associated with him on the committee, he was peculiarly tolerant of my mistakes, my lack of knowledge of the legislation which that great committee was constantly called upon to consider. He took me under his wing, and I dare say that I speak for most of the members of that committee when I say that they have truly gone to school, to a great schoolmaster. Character is something that is not always apparent to a casual observer. You cannot always see it. It has been said that character is what a man really is, that reputation is merely what others think he is. HENRY STEAGALL was of great and noble character, and he likewise enjoyed not only in his home State of Alabama, not only in this body, who knew him so well, but throughout the Nation a splendid reputation for honesty, intelligence, and ability.

I recall so well several more important instances in his life. It has been mentioned here that he was the sponsor, the father of a bill which has done more to stabilize banking and currency and credit than any other action which this Congress has ever taken. He told me of the history of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, how when he first came to Congress, I believe, in 1913, or 1914, he came here with a firm determination that if people were to continue to put their little savings into banks, he felt that the greatest service that he could be to them was to assure that they were going to get these hard-earned savings back when they were needed. So for a good many years he dreamed of the day when the banks of this Nation would be safe. This proved to all of us that HENRY B. STEAGALL was a great humanitarian. He was criticized; I have criticized him. We disagreed frequently on issues; we disagreed honorably and honestly. HENRY B. STEAGALL never in the Committee on Banking and Currency and never in his life ever did a small thing. He was a great man. He was a big man, spiritually and intellectually, and this House is going to mourn his loss, but our sadness is going to be softened somewhat by the appreciation of the fact that he has been called to a greater service.

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. CRAWFORD].

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, as I have journeyed through life it has been my privilege to intimately associate with men much older than I am. This was true with the distinguished gentleman from Alabama whose death we mourn today. As chairman of our committee, I was extremely close to him and I mean

to say by that, that I was closer to Mr. STEAGALL than I am to any other House Member. We found that we had many things in common, not only with respect to legislative matters upon which we agreed or disagreed, but with respect to the social, religious, and economic philosophy in which each of us believed and which plays such a great part in the lives of our people in this free country of the United States. As late as last Friday afternoon I implored him to stay away from this body and to let the other Members of the House finish the debate on the bill that was under consideration and upon which he spoke Thursday afternoon. I had known about his physical failing. Only a few days ago we discussed very intimately some of his future hopes and plans with respect to public life.

In other words, I had confidence in Mr. STEAGALL and he trusted me in connection with matters which came before us. Of course, I shall miss him in the days to come as long as I am a Member of this body and particularly as a member of the committee on which he served as chairman. In the years to come I shall remember his ability, his accomplishments, his constructiveness, his Christian character, and all that he stood for, and in my memory I shall cherish his friendship.

And Mr. Speaker, let me say that I, too, join with my colleagues in their eulogy of that great friend and citizen, the gentleman from Pennsylvania, whose tragic death occurred last evening. We shall miss him as a great Republican, as a statesman of the first order, as chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee, as an exceptionally capable lawyer, and as an outstanding Christian gentleman. It was my privilege, Mr. Speaker, to break bread with Mr. DITTER and his family in their lovely home at Ambler, Pa., to worship at the family altar with our departed friend and his charming wife and his legally trained, captivating daughter, who is an unusual legal-daughter-partner of an extraordinary father. To have had the privilege of being a guest in his Christian home, to walk about his gardens with him, and to visit in his district among his friends and supporters was a method of taking a measure of the man which we cannot exactly do here on the House floor. He, his family to whom he was so greatly devoted, and the atmosphere of his home was an inspiration to any American whose fortune it might have been to have known them.

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. CANNON].

Mr. CANNON of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, in the midst of life we are in death. Only yesterday a great leader stood in this forum and proclaimed his tenets with a fervor and sincerity that carried conviction to his listeners. And when he yielded the floor at the close of one of the greatest speeches of his notable career, we did not realize that his work was done, that the imprint of immortality was

already on his brow. Standing in dazed groups this morning we can only wonder helplessly why with so many about who would not have been missed he should have been called—why he could not have been spared the one more day to witness the culmination of long years of study and fevered months of strenuous work on one of the great problems of our times.

He fell on his shield; in the hour of triumph; and with his face to the front. With all his kindliness he was a man of rarest courage, a courage which could not be stilled or hushed by flattery or sentimental appeal or intimidation. Few can realize the pressure brought to bear upon him these last harried days in the effort to swerve him from the course he felt was right.

It is to be regretted that it could not have been vouchsafed to him to survive this war, as he survived the last war, and to see again as he saw then the universal acquiescence in his program and its successful and beneficent conclusion. In the trying days of 1932, against the determined opposition of financiers and economists, and in contravention of every canon of political expediency, he drove the Federal deposit-insurance bill through the House and through conference to final enactment. Its service to the Nation today is only one of his many contributions to national financial stability. When the history of this war is written, his farsighted sagacity and keenly analytical programs in the drafting and management of measures which stabilized national banking and laid the foundation for the reservoirs of credit from which we have provided the sinews of war, will be recognized as one of the determining factors contributing to Allied victory.

But here, away from the limelight and among ourselves and all those privileged to be intimately associated with him, he will be remembered best for his capacity for friendship. His friendships were not those of a day but of an enduring character which strengthened and flowered with the years. Such men do not die. They pass on, but memory is eternal. And the memory of the life and services of HENRY STEAGALL lives on, hallowed and cherished by the gratitude and affection of the American people whom he so ably served.

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. GIFFORD].

Mr. GIFFORD. Mr. Speaker, death's messenger is unwelcome, but will not be denied. This double reminder comes to me and it comes to you. We will ask ourselves, "Are we quite ready to receive Him"?

HENRY STEAGALL was my chairman for many years. It can be said he was a true gentleman; he never inflicted pain. His greatest desire, of course, like ours, was to earn and to hold the respect and love of his colleagues and his fellow men. He was assured that he had it. He does not need to read his tombstone when he is dead. Only recently a gathering was held in his office and unusual honors were heaped upon him. His

friends saw to it that his likeness was painted and hung in his committee room, so that we who remain and those who follow us may not forget to do him honor.

This double tragedy bears heavily upon us. I greatly admired my chairman, especially during this last week when he made a courageous stand for what he thought was right, although harassed and worried about his physical condition. He proved as he had often before done that he would stand firmly in his belief and would follow his conscience. I am reminded of words I saw only yesterday, "When the ermine of official robe fell on him it touched nothing less spotless than itself."

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. SPENCE].

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, this is indeed a sad day for the Congress of the United States. It has proclaimed to us that in the midst of life we are in death. Two fine upstanding Members have traveled that road which to discover we must travel, too.

HENRY B. STEAGALL, chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency of the House, was a remarkable man. He had a peculiar knowledge and ability that made him a most useful legislator, who rendered an outstanding service to his country. He had an adroitness and skill in handling the bills of his committee that was seldom matched and never excelled. He was a man of great ability and profound knowledge of the matters that came before the Banking and Currency Committee. He made the best use of his long experience as chairman of that committee and used his wide experience and profound knowledge for the benefit of his constituents and the people of his country. Not only the Fifth District of Alabama, but the State and Nation has sustained a great loss.

After the speech he made on last Thursday he told me he was a sick man and had a fever. He was a casualty of duty performed and of the war. To his devoted family I desire to extend my deepest sympathy.

He fell like the mighty oak falls before the storm in the forest, with apparently many years of useful service before him. Why this should occur we do not know. God moves in a mysterious way.

We only know:

The moving finger writes; and having writ,
Moves on; nor all your piety nor wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,
Nor all your tears wash out a word of it.

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. PATMAN].

Mr. PATMAN. Mr. Speaker, we are all greatly moved and affected by the passing of two of our most distinguished Members. I did not have the privilege of knowing so intimately Hon. WILLIAM DITTER, of Pennsylvania, but I did know him to be a good, fair, and able fighter; a good debater, and a fine statesman.

I did have the privilege of knowing and being intimately associated with Hon. HENRY B. STEAGALL, of Alabama, for 7 of

the last 15 years. During that time we have differed very little.

I presume that more bills and more constructive acts of legislation bear his name than the name of any other one person in either the House or the Senate today. The many acts are too numerous to name. I shall briefly mention a few. I refer to the banking legislation, especially during the dark days of this Republic in 1933, the numerous Glass-Steagall bills, the different pieces of currency legislation, farm legislation, housing, price stabilization, price fixing, and the F. D. I. C. with which his name is connected which has a history that can only now be told. Few people realize the influence he had upon the passage of that legislation, and the persistence and the determination with which he sponsored it. The plain people of this country had a real friend in HENRY STEAGALL, whose every heartbeat and pulse throb was always with them.

As chairman of our Committee on Banking and Currency in the House of Representatives he was always kindly, considerate, and sympathetic, and he was always extremely anxious to do exactly what he believed to be right. HENRY STEAGALL was a great statesman; he was one of the finest and best men I ever knew. He was gentle, kind, affable, courageous, always extremely fair, always, under all conditions. This country has suffered a great loss in his passing.

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished majority whip, the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. RAMSPECK].

Mr. RAMSPECK. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in mourning the passing of our two distinguished fellows who have left us to come no more. They were both able legislators, fine citizens, and men of great ability.

It was recently my privilege to visit the district of my friend and colleague, Mr. STEAGALL, at Napier Field in Dothan, Ala., where I have a son-in-law in the Army Air Forces. I found the people of his district devoted to him, interested in what he was doing, and believing in his ability and faithfulness to his duty here. HENRY STEAGALL was a man of rare ability and adroitness, and he handled the work of his committee in a way few men have been able to equal. We shall certainly miss both these men. The country has suffered a great loss.

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. SPARKMAN].

Mr. SPARKMAN. Mr. Speaker, I join with those others who have expressed their very high regard for our esteemed colleague, Mr. STEAGALL, who has today answered the call.

On last Thursday I sat in this Chamber along with the rest of you and heard that hour-long impassioned plea of his. Following that speech he came back behind the rail and talked to two or three of us. At that time he said: "I am a sick man. I have a temperature now. I should have stayed home in bed today as my family tried to get me to do." He knew he was sick, but it was that same loyalty and devotion to duty that char-

acterized his whole life, that drove him here on that day in the performance of his duty. I remember some of the things he said in that speech and I shall quote a couple of sentences from his concluding remarks, for they contain thoughts which I think characterize the man and describe him as the country must know him. He said:

I do not believe there is anybody in this House who knows me who thinks there is any sectionalism or bitterness in my soul. I do not believe those who know me credit me with selfish partisan purposes in my views respecting this or any other economic legislation.

Those characteristics were true of the man. He was big in every sense of the word; he was a friend always devoted to his friends, helpful at all times. I came here as a new Member and all along as a new and young and inexperienced Member I was pleased to learn from him. I remember the very fine friendship that existed between him and various other Members of the House, Members who had served as long a period of time as he. Many a time I heard him speak of the closeness that existed between him and some of the other Members of long service. Particularly am I thinking just now of the very fine brotherly relationship that existed between him and our late lamented Speaker Bankhead, of Alabama, two Members who had come here from the same State at about the same time and who had worked diligently together in all the years. I remember the zeal and interest with which he worked in behalf of Speaker Bankhead for the Vice Presidency of the United States; and I remember the tribute he paid him, I remember the nominating speech he made at the Chicago convention; and well do I recall the great grief which was his when Speaker Bankhead fell by the side in the performance of his duties.

HENRY STEAGALL was a great friend, a man who loved his fellow men. He was courageous, absolutely unwavering in his convictions as to what he believed was right. Mention has been made time after time of his fight on behalf of the Federal insurance of small deposits in banks. I remember being in a public meeting with him one time when some citizens of our State were passing on certain views to the Alabama delegation. I remember how when Mr. STEAGALL was called upon for some remarks he answered those people in a friendly manner and yet courageously.

I remember the story that he told them about his fight for the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, how the bankers in his own section had passed resolutions condemning him because of his stand for that legislation, but he believed it was right, and in the face of the opposition of some of his best friends he fought for the principle. He told how later those same bankers had come around to his view and begged him for mercy sake to pass that legislation quickly. I am glad that he lived to see the views that he held with reference to much of our fiscal affairs justified. I am glad that he lived to see millions of home owners in this

country saved in their homes by reason of the Home Owners Loan Corporation that he helped to establish, and millions of others placed in homes and saved from bankruptcy as the result of legislation that he sponsored and that he pushed through on the floor of this House.

He was a great man. We in Alabama are justly proud of him. Alabama and America have sustained a great loss in his passing. Death is not the end, and out there somewhere today, with the same courage and the same unwavering devotion and loyalty that marked him in life, he carries on his work.

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Chairman, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. RANKIN].

Mr. RANKIN. Mr. Speaker, someone has said, "When sorrows come, they come not single spies, but in battalions."

The Grim Reaper that never tires, and never rests, has been busy at his appointed work. He has knocked upon the doors of two of the ablest and most distinguished Members of this body and called them to "the undiscover'd country from whose bourn no traveler returns."

Socrates contended that no good man should fear death; for, he said that if death is an endless sleep, as his enemies contended, then it was much to be preferred to a life of pain and toil; but he said that if he was correct in his belief in the immortality of the soul, then death was but a transition from this imperfect to that all-perfect, glorious and celestial realm above, over which the Supreme Ruler of the Universe presides.

Shakespeare quotes Julius Caesar as saying that "Cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant never taste of death but once."

The two distinguished Members of this august body who passed away within the last 24 hours, HENRY B. STEAGALL, of Alabama, and J. WILLIAM DITTER, of Pennsylvania, never tasted death but once. They did not fear to go.

In the passing of Mr. DITTER, the news of whose death reached us first, we all received a most painful shock. I probably crossed swords with him as often as any other man in Congress, for the last few years and in so doing I always experienced—

The stern joy which warriors feel
In foemen worthy of their steel.

BILL DITTER was a gentleman, a statesman and a patriot, who placed the welfare of his country above all personal and political concern.

In the passing of HENRY B. STEAGALL, I lost one of the best friends I ever had on this earth. The greatest compliment I ever received from any man came from Mr. STEAGALL with reference to a speech I made in this House on November 1, 1939, when I was appealing to the powers that be to pursue a course which I felt might save the world from the dreadful catastrophe through which we are now passing.

I shall not go into the records of these two distinguished men. They have been ably discussed by other Members who were more closely associated with

them in their daily work; but I will say that today America has sustained an irreparable loss in the passing of two of the most worthy, honorable, conscientious and distinguished Members of this august body.

From lives like these, America's greatness springs.

That makes her loved at home, revered abroad:

Princes and lords are but the breath of kings;

"An honest man's the noblest work of God."

They are gone but not forgotten. Their influences will live as their spirits will live on and on.

We are told of a death-devoted Greek who was about to offer up his life as a sacrifice to fate, when his beautiful companion turned to him and asked, "Shall we meet again?"

To which he replied: "I have asked that dreadful question of the hills that are eternal, of the clear streams that flow forever, of the stars amidst whose azure depths my raised spirits have walked in glory, yet they are dumb. But when I look into thy living, loving face, I see that which, mantling through its rich beauty, tells me it can never die. We shall meet again."

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. MANASCO].

Mr. MANASCO. Mr. Speaker, an All-wise Providence has seen fit to remove from this body one of Alabama's most beloved sons, "Marse" HENRY B. STEAGALL, as he was affectionately known, was serving his fifteenth consecutive term as a Member of this body and as chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee of the House he probably sponsored more progressive legislation and more legislation that affected the lives of every person in the United States than any other Member has sponsored in the long history of this body. He was a recognized authority on banking law. He was the champion of the under dog and it may be truthfully said that he died with his boots on fighting for the common man. No Member was more diligent in his effort to secure fair treatment for the people of his district. The farmers of the Nation recognized "Marse" HENRY as their strong and capable advocate. Alabama has lost an illustrious son, the Nation a great statesman.

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I am going to ask unanimous consent at this time that all Members who desire may extend their own remarks in the RECORD concerning the life and character of our late colleague, Mr. STEAGALL.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. STARNES]?

There was no objection.

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. SMITH].

Mr. SMITH of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I want to join with the other Members of the House in mourning the loss of two of our most highly respected and trusted colleagues, Mr. HENRY B. STEAGALL and

Mr. J. WILLIAM DITTER, who have just passed on to the Great Beyond.

Mr. STEAGALL was chairman of my committee, the Committee on Banking and Currency. He was always considerate and fair. I shall not forget him for this alone. In his final efforts here on the floor of the House—I refer particularly to the speech he made last Thursday—I think he proved beyond all doubt that he was possessed of the finest integrity.

In my few years of association with Mr. DITTER I learned to honor and respect him. He seemed to be peculiarly sensitive to other people's feelings, taking care always never to hurt them. In the many speeches I heard him make on the floor he was always fair and honest, for which, I am sure, he was admired by all the Members of this body.

The Congress and the country have lost in the passing on of these splendid character, two valuable public servants.

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Maine [Mr. HALE].

Mr. HALE. Mr. Speaker, my sense of loss at the death of HENRY STEAGALL is out of all proportion to the extent of my association with him. He was older than I in years, and far older in service in this body. I was not of his party or of his State; nor was I ever privileged to serve on the committee over which he had so long presided with such great distinction. But it happens that in the last 6 months, I had in a fortuitous way spent some little time in his company, and I had conceived for him an extraordinary respect and admiration. No man whom I have met in this city has more impressed me by his character and convictions and by that blend of highly individual qualities which constitute what we know as personality.

"Mr. Henry," as I heard him affectionately called by his junior colleagues, was a man of mature wisdom. He was a conservative in the best sense, with a nature as humane and compassionate as the wildest radical or the most brilliant demagogue. The reception accorded last Thursday to his last speech in this House attested to the respect in which he was held. When he said, "I do not for a moment endorse the viewpoint or the philosophy of the controlling minds directing the administration of the O. P. A. Act," his hearers knew he meant it, and was not striving for a cheap political effect.

When he said, "Let a man get his hand into the Treasury of the United States, and do not ask me to find a way to get it out," he said nothing brilliant or original, but it was a wholesome farewell message of a man who knew the failings of a Government to which he had given the last full measure of his devotion.

No one who knew Mr. STEAGALL can doubt that he died fighting for his convictions. None of us could ask for life to end more nobly than his, or hope to leave a memory more gracious or more honorable.

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. NEWSOME].

Mr. NEWSOME. Mr. Speaker, there is little that I as a junior Member of this body could add to the eloquent tribute that has been paid to our two departed colleagues, but as the junior Member of the delegation from Alabama, I feel a sense of personal loss in the passing of HENRY B. STEAGALL that is probably as keen as that of anyone in this body. For his kindness, his tolerance, his understanding in my first year of service in this body, I will be eternally grateful. I think it is well that the people of this Nation should know as we know that HENRY STEAGALL died in line of duty in the service of this Republic.

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. WRIGHT].

Mr. WRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, it is with a profound sense of shock that I heard this morning of the death of two of the outstanding Members of the House, my late friend from Pennsylvania, Mr. DITTER, and the genial chairman of the committee on which I am privileged to serve, Mr. STEAGALL.

I think of the many instances of kindness and geniality that have endeared these two gentlemen to me. Indeed, their characters have endeared them to all the Members of the House, regardless of party and regardless of political belief. After our political quarrels and our differences over legislation are forgotten, we remember most of all those little instances of friendship and kindness which I feel bind all the Members here together.

I remember, for instance, that it was only a short time ago that we were congratulating Mr. DITTER on his birthday; only a short time ago that the friends of Mr. STEAGALL had a meeting in his office to express their love and affection for him. I remember, too, the address that was delivered by Mr. STEAGALL on last Thursday. It was a masterful address. Even we who disagreed with some of the conclusions he reached recognized that it was a masterful address and we congratulated him. It was at that time that he told us that he was feeling ill.

I am sure all the Members of the House today share the feeling of profound sorrow that I have.

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. COX].

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, as Carlyle said of Sir Walter Scott, "When he departed he took a man's life with him," I say of HENRY STEAGALL and BILL DITTER that when they departed each took a man's life with him. Nothing but heaven can cover their high fame, no pyramid offset their memory, nothing but the eternal substance of their greatness.

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. FORD], a member of the Committee on Banking and Currency.

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, this is a black Monday in the history of this House, to come here and find that two of the outstanding Members of this body have passed to the great beyond. The passing of Mr. DITTER was a sad accident. The passing of Mr. STEAGALL was

the result of overexertion in his labors on the Committee on Banking and Currency at this very critical time.

As has been suggested by numerous other speakers, as chairman of that committee Mr. STEAGALL was adroit, clever, able, and persistent, and when he had a bill to bring out he never quit until he got it on the floor. Whether or not you agreed with him, he was genial, kindly, and forgiving of those who did not altogether go along with him.

Mr. Speaker, Alabama loses a distinguished son. Pennsylvania also loses a distinguished son. This House loses two of its most able and outstanding Members. They go to join that great company of "dead, yet sceptered sovereigns who still rule our spirits from their urns."

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. MAY].

Mr. MAY. Mr. Speaker, in this dark hour of world tragedy the House of Representatives assembles today for the purpose of paying tribute to two of its most distinguished Members. The Grim Reaper has struck this day not one but two deadly blows.

When I came to this House 13 years ago, inexperienced as a legislator, one of the first men to take me under his arm and to advise me wisely was HENRY STEAGALL, of Alabama. I do not want to take more than a few minutes of the time of the House today, but I want to recount a personal experience or two that to me indicated the character of man he was.

I made a trip to Canada with him and other Members of this House 11 years ago to make a study of the Canadian sales tax system. I recall how we traveled together closely with each other as we went to and while we were there. We visited the great cities of that great country, and how we admired their architecture, their development, and their great country. I recall that when we went to the capital of Canada and visited the State buildings we stood in front of them and admired the marble and granite of which they were built, and expressed our deep appreciation of a neighbor like Canada.

When the trip had ended and we returned to Washington, at about 8 o'clock in the evening we detrained at the station and our baggage was taken to our homes, but we walked up the street to our offices. As we approached the Nation's Capitol, I remember how he stopped, took me by the arm, and said in substance: "We have seen a great country, we have had a great trip." Then as the floodlights from the Capitol Grounds cast their brilliance upon the Capitol dome where the Stars and Stripes were floating, he pointed to them and said, "But here is the flag that rules the world, and here is the country that we both love."

I know today that—

On Fame's eternal camping ground
Their silent tents are spread,
And Glory guards, with solemn round,
The bivouac of the dead.

I am sure that when he passed away he had no fear, he had no doubts, and that

he was able to say as the great Apostle Paul had said, "I know in whom I have believed and I am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed to him against that day."

Mr. Speaker, two great statesmen have passed away. They are gone, but the inspiration of their labors and their lives will through all the years remain with us. I am sure that each of them could have said today, "I have fought the good fight, I have kept the faith."

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield now to the gentleman from California [Mr. SHEPPARD].

Mr. SHEPPARD. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked at an early hour this morning when a colleague called and told me of the demise of one of my friends and colleagues, the splendid gentleman from Pennsylvania, Hon. WILLIAM DITTER. It seems impossible that this tragic accident could happen to a friend with whom I was talking on the floor of the House last Thursday, discussing with him the mission on which the Committee on Navy Appropriations found it necessary to go to Chicago, and I asked him if he would take care of some other matters which are of interest and importance in the investigation. Congressman DITTER told me that he would take care of his portion of the investigation as soon as he got home. My experience with WILLIAM DITTER as a colleague and as a friend during my service in the House has been one of close friendship and cooperation. He was a man of great ability and splendid understanding. It is very difficult for me to pay tribute to my friend under these circumstances, but I feel he will be amply rewarded by the Great Master of all destiny and told to "sit upon My right as your services on earth have been well and faithfully performed."

To his family and the people of the State of Pennsylvania I offer my sympathy for their loss, and to the splendid people of the State of Alabama—my native State—goes my sympathy for the great loss that they have suffered in the passing of a great and splendid statesman, a fine friend, the Honorable HENRY STEAGALL. During the years of my experience as a Member of this body from each of these men I have always received the utmost consideration, friendship, and courtesy. May the Great Master grant to them divine consideration.

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. GRANT].

Mr. GRANT of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I loved HENRY STEAGALL. He has been my friend through many years. In the State of Alabama my district adjoins his. He has never been other than kind. He has always been friendly to the young Members of this body. Someone has said:

I wrote my name upon the sand,
And trusted it would stand for aye;
But soon, alas, the reflux sea
Had washed my feeble lines away.

I carved my name upon the wood,
And after years returned again,
I missed the shadow of the tree
That stretched of old upon the plain.

The solid marble next my name
I gave as a perpetual trust;
An earthquake rent it to its base,
And now it lies o'erlaid with dust.

All these had failed; I was perplexed;
I turned and asked myself, what then?
If I would have my name endure,
I'll write it on the hearts of men.

Mr. Speaker, HENRY STEAGALL has written his name upon the hearts of men. His body will soon lie in the district of his beloved native State of Alabama, but his spirit goes marching on.

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield now to the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. MONRONEY].

Mr. MONRONEY. Mr. Speaker, as every other Member of the House, I was shocked to learn today of the deaths of two of our outstanding Members of this body, the Honorable HENRY B. STEAGALL, of Alabama, and Hon. J. WILLIAM DITTER. Both men have served their Nation well and their loss will be sorely felt in this critical hour.

Having served for more than 5 years under Chairman STEAGALL, I have come to appreciate his kindly and loving spirit and his deep and abiding sense of duty. His record in the Congress is filled with great achievement and he leaves the imprint of his character upon this Nation in scores of acts that he has prepared, fought for, and seen take their place as a part of the foundation of our Government.

It is true that I have not always agreed with my chairman on all issues. He understood that and no one could have expected fairer treatment nor more kindly consideration than that which he gave all of his committee, regardless of their divergent views. It was his warmth of human understanding and friendship that marked his every thought for those who were associated with him.

During his service in the Congress he has fathered and secured passage of much of our basic banking law and other acts dealing with the Nation's most important business affairs. Perhaps no achievement in his long record of accomplishment has had greater value to every citizen than his act creating the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation. It was due to his diligence and careful planning that this outstanding cornerstone of our banking institutions came into being. Not content with that, he has consistently watched its operation through these years to be sure that the agency did the job he had mapped out for it. Through the years he fought to protect the smaller banks and the smaller depositors of these banks from financial disaster.

The wisdom of this act makes it stand as a beacon light of confidence in our financial system.

HENRY STEAGALL will be missed by the millions he served as well as by those faithful friends in his own Alabama district. He will be sorely missed on the Banking and Currency Committee where he was a friendly, kindly leader, and a man of great understanding of his fellowman.

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield now to the gentleman

from Texas the distinguished Speaker [Mr. RAYBURN].

Mr. RAYBURN. After nearly 30 years of close association with HENRY B. STEAGALL, I can say truly that he was a kindly and lovable man. He had character, ability, statesmanship, and patriotism of a high order. With unnumbered thousands I shall miss him always. His friendship was an enriching treasure in the memory of which I shall not be poor.

Mr. FOLGER. Mr. Speaker, this morning I was shocked and grieved to learn of the passing of that good friend, Hon. HENRY B. STEAGALL. I was a member of the committee of which he was chairman, the Committee on Banking and Currency. When I knew that my name would be mentioned for membership on this committee I felt it a propriety that I should inquire of the chairman whether my appointment would be acceptable to him or if he had another in mind whom he might prefer. I received a most gracious and courteous reply, assuring me that he had no objection to my appointment and, on the other hand, would be glad to have me as a member. From the time I attended my first meeting I found in him a real friend. He was energetic, devoted to what he believed to be right, strong in his positions, but always tolerant of the views of others. The State of Alabama has been honored by his service in the House, and the Nation has received the contribution of a tireless worker, a thoughtful man, a splendid Member of the Congress, and for a long time a most efficient chairman of a very important committee.

Words fail us when we undertake to express our appreciation of a genuine friendship. We are helpless to extend to the family of the deceased an adequate expression of our deep sympathy in the loss they sustain in having removed from them for a time one so dear as a father and a husband. Certainly, it remains that "we shall not die, but we shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye." That which we call death is but the portal that leads to a larger life.

Mr. REED of New York. Mr. Speaker, today the membership of the House of Representatives is stunned by the death of two of its most distinguished and useful Members. I refer to the sudden passing of Hon. J. WILLIAM DITTER, of the State of Pennsylvania, and the Honorable HENRY BASCOM STEAGALL, of the State of Alabama. Throughout a quarter of a century I have served with Representative STEAGALL, a true son of the South, a man of great ability, and a gentleman of the highest order.

I can well understand why the people of the Third Congressional District of Alabama took pride in returning their able Representative to the United States Congress. Their faith in the man of their choice was well placed. He died after one of many courageous and spectacular speeches made by him in support of what he thought was for the best interests of his district, his State, and his country.

I regret the passing of this great man. I sympathize deeply with the members

of his family in this time of their bereavement.

Mr. MONKIEWICZ. Mr. Speaker, today we grieve the sudden passing of our beloved colleague, HENRY BASCOM STEAGALL, of Alabama, the chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee of the House of Representatives.

While I did not know him so intimately during my first term in Congress, I knew of his reputation as a lawyer, legislator, and public servant at that time, and admired him. I became intimately acquainted with him when I joined the membership of the House Banking and Currency Committee. It was my privilege on several occasions to spend some intimate moments with him in discussing the various problems that were before the committee. Only then did I learn to appreciate the depth of HENRY STEAGALL. He was a man of great character, brilliant mind, and wide capacity. As a statesman there were very few his equal. His charming personality kept the committee in a good mood even under the most trying circumstances. His knowledge of banking and currency was vast. Even his opponents who differed with him on issues turned to him for information in times when it could not be obtained from other sources. This he was always ready to impart graciously, honestly, and fully.

As a new member of the committee, I naturally looked to him for advice. I marveled at the patience he possessed in spending much time with members like myself who were not well versed in the background of legislation before our committee. It might be said that during his chairmanship the Banking and Currency Committee was confronted with the most serious economic problems in the history of our country. Thanks to his ability, guidance, and skillful leadership, most of the difficulties were overcome.

I shall ever remember HENRY STEAGALL as one of the outstanding Members of the House of Representatives with whom it has been my privilege and honor to be associated.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama.

Mr. STARNES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I wish to announce that funeral services for the Honorable HENRY B. STEAGALL will be held at Gawler's Funeral Home, 1756 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning, Tuesday, November 23. All Members are invited.

Mr. Speaker, in this connection I ask unanimous consent that at the conclusion of the remarks paid in respect to Mr. STEAGALL today that the proceedings at the unveiling of the portrait of Hon. HENRY B. STEAGALL, of Alabama, found in the bound volume of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of the Seventy-seventh Congress, second session, at pages A2237 to A2241, inserted by Senator LISTER HILL, may be made a part of today's RECORD.

The SPEAKER. Without objection it is so ordered.

There was no objection.

[Extension of remarks of Hon. LISTER HILL, of Alabama, in the Senate of the United States, Monday, June 15, 1942]

UNVEILING OF PORTRAIT OF HON. HENRY B. STEAGALL

Mr. HILL. Mr. President, on last Wednesday, June 10, 1942, there was a notable gathering of high officials of the Government and distinguished personages in the Banking and Currency Committee room of the House of Representatives on the occasion of the unveiling of a portrait of the Honorable HENRY B. STEAGALL, of Alabama, the able and distinguished chairman of the committee.

The occasion was marked by many fine and deserved tributes paid Mr. STEAGALL and his services to our country. The chairman of the exercises was Hon. WRIGHT PATMAN, a Member of the House of Representatives from Texas and one of its ablest and most useful Members. There was a message from the President of the United States, the foremost man of our time, Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

There were addresses by Senator JOHN H. BANKHEAD 2d, of Alabama, agriculture's great statesman and leader in the Congress; by Representative CLYDE WILLIAMS, of Missouri, the ranking majority member of the House Committee on Banking and Currency; by Hon. JESSE P. WOLCOTT, the ranking minority member of the House Committee on Banking and Currency; by Hon. SAM RAYBURN, the distinguished Speaker of the House of Representatives and the successor to Alabama's great and beloved William B. Bankhead; by Senator CARTER GLASS, of Virginia, father of the Federal Reserve Act and one of the greatest Americans of our time; by Hon. Preston Delano, the Comptroller of the Currency, speaking for himself as well as for the Honorable Henry Morgenthau, the Secretary of the Treasury, who, much to his regret, could not be present at the exercises; by Hon. Jesse H. Jones, the Secretary of Commerce and the Administrator of the Federal Loan Agency, a man who has held more important positions in the Government at one time than perhaps any other man in the history of our country; by Hon. Marriner S. Eccles, the able Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; by Hon. Leo T. Crowley, Chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and Alien Property Custodian; and by Representative JOE STARNES, of Alabama, an outstanding Member of the House of Representatives.

These addresses were followed by an address by Mr. STEAGALL, who spoke in words of appreciation and of moving eloquence.

The portrait is the work of Mr. Howard Chandler Christy, who immortalized himself with his great masterpiece—the signing of the Constitution of the United States.

The portrait was presented to the Committee on Banking and Currency by the friends of Mr. STEAGALL, in appreciation of him and his memorable services to our country.

During the past 10 historic and momentous years as chairman of the committee, Mr. STEAGALL has understood our time and the need of our people and has had the pure heart to comprehend and the rectified will to choose the right course of action. With devotion and high skill he has fathered and passed measure after measure that have saved and strengthened the hard-earned savings of our people and the financial structure of our Nation.

Mr. STEAGALL's achievements for our country are woven like a golden thread through the mighty fabric of the past decade. Fitting indeed that his portrait should be placed at the scene of his great labors—an inspiration ever to the members of the committee and a reminder to all who pass that way of the example of his service, of the character of his devotion, and of his enduring work for his country.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have the addresses printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the addresses were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

"PROGRAM OF THE UNVEILING OF THE PORTRAIT OF THE HONORABLE HENRY B. STEAGALL, JUNE 10, 1942, BANKING AND CURRENCY COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES"

"HON. WRIGHT PATMAN, of Texas (chairman of the committee on arrangements), presiding. Mr. Speaker and distinguished guests, I have been honored by my colleague members of the Banking and Currency Committee by being delegated the delightful duty of acting as chairman of the ceremony honoring our able and distinguished chairman, the Honorable HENRY BASCOM STEAGALL, of Alabama.

"Through the years that we have been associated with our chairman all of us have learned to love him. We have respected his fair and impartial administration of the committee. The Banking and Currency Committee is one of the oldest, one of the largest, and one of the most important committees of the House. It handles legislation of great importance, whether it be during a period of depression or during a costly world war.

"During the long and useful existence of the Banking and Currency Committee only 21 men have had the honor to serve as its chairman. In this illustrious group is President James A. Garfield. Chairman STEAGALL has served as chairman of this committee longer than any other person.

"A committee of Chairman STEAGALL's friends arranged with America's great artist, Howard Chandler Christy, of New York, to paint from life his portrait. Friends and art critics alike have pronounced the portrait a great work of art.

"I am going to call the names and States they are from of the present members of the Banking and Currency Committee, for what we say and what we do here today carries the kindly and personal good wishes of every one of them, regardless of party affiliation.

"The members are Chairman STEAGALL, Alabama; WILLIAMS, Missouri; SPENCE, Kentucky; FORD, California; BROWN, Georgia; PATMAN, Texas; BARRY, New York; SACKS, Pennsylvania; GORE, Tennessee; MILLS, Arkansas; MONROE, Oklahoma; LYNCH, New York; KOPPELMANN, Connecticut; BOGGS, Louisiana; HULL, Wisconsin; WOLCOTT, Michigan; GIFFORD, Massachusetts; CRAWFORD, Michigan; GAMBLE, New York; KEAN, New Jersey; SUMNER, Illinois; SMITH, Ohio; KUNKEL, Pennsylvania; ROLPH, California; and DEWEY, Illinois.

"Messages from President Roosevelt"

"A number of messages have been received. Time will permit the reading of the messages from only one person. They are as follows:

"HON. HENRY B. STEAGALL,
"House of Representatives,"

"Washington, D. C.

"MY DEAR HENRY: Since I cannot be present at the unveiling, I send greetings for the momentous occasion. From what I have heard, Howard has done full justice to one of Alabama's favorite sons and to my old friend. I would love to see it. Congratulations.

"Always sincerely,

"FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT."

"HON. WRIGHT PATMAN,
"House of Representatives,"

"Washington, D. C.

"DEAR CONGRESSMAN PATMAN: Please extend my hearty greetings to all who gather with you tomorrow for the unveiling of the portrait of Congressman HENRY B. STEAGALL. He is a faithful and efficient public servant and although I cannot be present in person I am

glad to be associated with those who are paying this deserved tribute to him.

"Very sincerely yours,

"FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT."

"Introduction of Senator Bankhead"

"The Stars Fell on Alabama' when the Bankhead family was born. No more illustrious family of statesmen, orators, and patriots has ever represented one State so long and so honorably as the Bankhead family has represented Alabama. They have brought honor and renown to the glorious traditions of Alabama in the Halls of Congress, on the highest judicial benches, as soldiers on the field of battle, as eminent scholars, and as men whose chivalry is as gallant as the old South ever produced. Therefore it is proper that I should introduce the senior Senator of Alabama to present the portrait.

"The late Senator John Hollis Bankhead 1st is the only man in American political history to have two sons—one a United States Senator, the other Speaker of the House of Representatives—and both serving at the same time. The present senior Senator, JOHN HOLLIS BANKHEAD 2d is a brother of the late Speaker W. B. Bankhead and the father of Judge W. W. Bankhead, who succeeded his uncle in Congress and served until his appointment to the Federal bench.

"It is my personal pleasure to present the distinguished gentleman and senior Senator from Alabama, JOHN HOLLIS BANKHEAD 2d, who will present the portrait to the Committee on Banking and Currency of the House of Representatives. Senator BANKHEAD.

"Senator BANKHEAD. Members of the Committee on Banking and Currency of the House of Representatives, you have handled a large part of the so-called New Deal legislation involving many explorations into the domain of social, economic, financial, and general security. A brief enumeration of some of the outstanding subjects of legislation of which your committee has had exclusive jurisdiction may elucidate the proposition just stated: The establishment of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, revision of the Federal Reserve System to better adjust its operations to serve the needs of business; recodification of the laws governing the national bank system, establishment of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the extension from time to time of its powers, until it has become the largest and best banking institution in the world; the building of houses for urban people at low rental rates for small-income workers, establishment of the Federal Housing Administration, which has built more than a million homes for moderate-income urban residents under a plan which affords insurance of home mortgages covering a long period of payments; establishment of the War Damage Corporation and Smaller War Plants Corporation, and the Price Control Act.

"In my judgment, one of the most important laws that has been enacted during the Roosevelt administration, from the standpoint of economic security and for the general welfare of the people, is the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Act. In the great depression in the early thirties the people lost confidence in our financial institutions. Darker days from a financial outlook never faced our people. HENRY STEAGALL sponsored the bill establishing the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. In the face of resistance from the strongest official and financial sources, HENRY STEAGALL, with the backing of your great committee, stood as firm as the Rock of Gibraltar against the fierce winds of opposition. That measure was finally passed and approved by the President. Confidence in the banks was immediately restored. Since that time bank failures have almost disappeared, and the depositors in the few defaulting banks have promptly

received their money from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. A man who has the vision, courage, and ability to lead our people from a state of discouragement and despair into a confident feeling of protection and security is entitled to have his picture placed where future generations may look with pride upon it.

"From the time a price control bill was presented to him for introduction by a representative of the administration, HENRY STEAGALL fought with force and determination for the adoption of fair price ceilings below which maximum prices could not be fixed on agricultural commodities. This was the outstanding issue involved in that legislation. A majority of your committee, regardless of party affiliations, supported the position of the chairman on that issue. The bill, as reported, contained section 3 which reflected the views of Mr. STEAGALL on agricultural price levels below which prices could not be fixed by law. The House approved that section. The Senate made some amendments but adopted the principle involved. The conference committee had a difficult duty to perform. I had the privilege of serving as one of the Senate conferees. Mr. STEAGALL was chairman of the House conferees. We worked together on that committee with the same motive and fixed purpose—to do the best we could to secure fairness and equality for our millions of farmers and their wives and children. The conference committee adopted section 3 of the House bill with only one amendment. Too much credit or too much praise cannot be bestowed upon HENRY STEAGALL for his services in that and other efforts to better the conditions of rural life.

"At the last Democratic National Convention held in Chicago, friends of my brother, William B. Bankhead, sought his nomination for Vice President. Because of his admiration for and confidence in HENRY STEAGALL, my brother chose him to make the nominating speech. Those who heard that speech agree that it was a masterpiece in the fields of eloquence, logic, and persuasion. It released pent-up emotions and strong convictions, and was the prelude to a spectacular demonstration, which, but for the active interference of dominant forces, might have changed important American history.

"I appreciate the priceless privilege of presenting to the Banking and Currency Committee the portrait by Howard Chandler Christy of my beloved friend and your able chairman, one of the outstanding statesmen of Congress, HENRY B. STEAGALL.

"MR. PATMAN. Since you are now for the first time seeing this wonderful portrait, it is now my privilege to introduce to you the artist, Howard Chandler Christy.

"MR. CHRISTY. I am both proud and happy to have been commissioned to paint the portrait of this wonderful man.

"MR. PATMAN. Thank you, Mr. Christy. I now present the ranking majority member of the Banking and Currency Committee, the Honorable CLYDE WILLIAMS, of Missouri.

"MR. WILLIAMS. Senator BANKHEAD, on behalf of the Banking and Currency Committee of the House, I accept this fine painting of our distinguished chairman and express to the donors our sincere thanks and grateful appreciation. It shall have an appropriate place in this committee room. The presentation of this beautiful portrait is eloquent proof of the high regard and esteem in which he is held by his friends. At this ceremony it is entirely fitting and proper to pay tribute to and proclaim our high admiration and sincere affection for him.

"HENRY STEAGALL, of Ozark, representing the Third District of Alabama, was first elected to the Sixty-fourth Congress and has had continuous service since that time. Only

six Members of the present House of Representatives have had longer service than he. For 28 years he has been a member of the Banking and Currency Committee and for the last 12 years has been its chairman. No one has ever served longer in that position. This is one of the outstanding committees of Congress. To be a member of it is a distinction, and to be a member and chairman of such a committee for these many years is a crowning achievement that has come to few men in our Nation's history. This honor has not come to him by mere accident or chance. It clearly attests his splendid ability, his sterling character, and his real worth as a national legislator.

"There are two things that stand out like mountain peaks in his legislative career. First, he has always stood for the preservation of the many small independent banking institutions and for the protection of bank depositors.

"It was my privilege to know him and to be intimately associated with him when he made the fight for the insurance of bank deposits. That policy was opposed by the big banks of the country. Powerful influences both in the Government and in the private financial world were arrayed against him. The unfortunate experience of some States in this field was cited as conclusive evidence that the plan would fail. It was predicted that the insurance of bank deposits would bankrupt the Government. Undaunted by these arguments and predictions of dire calamities, HENRY STEAGALL continued his fight. At times the outlook was not bright. He did not falter, hesitate, or weaken. His efforts culminated in a victory that brought contentment and the assurance of safety to millions of bank depositors. The passage of this law was among the great legislative accomplishments of the century, and it entitles HENRY STEAGALL to the lasting praise and gratitude, not only of the good people of the Third District of Alabama but of all the people of the entire United States.

"In the second place, his time and devotion have been given to the agricultural interests of the Nation and especially to the Southland which he so dearly loves and of which he is a part. He never lost an opportunity to throw himself with all his great influences, ability, and power into the fight when the rights of the farmers were involved. He has been their staunch friend and able advocate in the long fight to obtain their just share of the national income.

"The inhabitants of Ozark and the people of the Third Alabama District are fortunate and especially blessed in having as their representative in Congress not only one of the leaders during these strenuous times but one who ranks high among the great legislators of our history. We all love him.

"MR. PATMAN. Thank you MR. WILLIAMS. I now present the Honorable JESSE P. WOLCOTT, the ranking minority member of the Banking and Currency Committee.

"MR. WOLCOTT. Mr. Chairman, Chairman STEAGALL, Senator BANKHEAD, and friends, I consider it a signal honor to accept this splendid portrait of our chairman, HENRY B. STEAGALL, on behalf of the Banking and Currency Committee; especially do I speak for the minority members of this committee.

"Throughout his career in the Congress of the United States, and especially as chairman of this committee, HENRY STEAGALL has exhibited those qualities of leadership, character, marked ability, and untiring energy which are typical of a true statesman and gentleman. Every one of us recognizes in him a man of unswerving devotion to the fundamentals and ideals of constitutional government. During the years of his service as chairman of this committee he has been helpful, kind, and tolerant. Having been a member of the minority for some years, he has had a sympathetic understand-

ing of the purposes, problems, and objectives of the few of us who now constitute the minority of his committee. When at times most other men would have been impatient with us, he has insisted that each and every member be given an opportunity fully to express himself and to question witnesses. In consequence, the legislation which has been reported from the committee has been the result of thorough investigation and understanding knowledge of the important problems with which we have had to deal. Under HENRY STEAGALL's leadership the Banking and Currency Committee has reported more important legislation during the trying past 10 years than any other committee of Congress—the emergency banking laws, which enabled our banks to open and function normally after the 1933 closing; the laws creating the Federal Home Loan Bank Administration; the Home Owners' Loan Corporation; and the Federal Housing Administration, which have not only saved thousands of homes but has made it possible for hundreds of thousands to own homes who otherwise would not have been able to acquire them; most of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation legislation, through which a great part of our war production is being financed, was introduced, sponsored, and steered through the legislative intricacies and disputes to final enactment by HENRY STEAGALL. But outstanding in his successes have been the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Price Control Act. Insurance against loss by depositors in our banks has been achieved more through his efforts than any other influence in or out of Congress. He is justly called the father of deposit insurance, which has done more to stabilize banking and prevent losses than any other legislation by any other country in the world.

"The price control bill would not have given protection to the policy of parity for our farmers if it had not been for the far-sightedness and constant alertness of HENRY STEAGALL in repelling all attempts by those unfriendly to agriculture to undo his work of years that the farmer might receive his just share of national income. The country owes a deep debt of gratitude to HENRY B. STEAGALL, and I am glad that his portrait will hang on the walls of this committee room, here in the Nation's Capitol, as a symbol of unqualified statesmanship and true devotion to duty—a splendid portrait of a great patriot and man.

"MR. PATMAN. Thank you, MR. WOLCOTT. I now have the pleasure of introducing Texas' first citizen, the able and courageous statesman and patriot, the Honorable SAM RAYBURN, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

"MR. RAYBURN. Mr. Chairman, MR. STEAGALL, members of the House Banking and Currency Committee, and your guests, it is a high privilege, and I deem it a distinct honor to be able to accept upon the part of the House of Representatives this magnificent portrait of this splendid American. After an association of 25 years, usually termed 'a quarter of a century,' with a man, you come to know him. You come to know him really.

"My association with HENRY STEAGALL has been so long, so close, and so intimate that I may speak of him not only as a statesman but as a man. He is a gentleman, as that word is known and used in the part of the country from which he comes. He is a statesman of high order, and I have been rather amused this morning to hear recounted all of the great measures that have passed the Congress under the leadership of MR. STEAGALL and the dire predictions that were made about some of them, of the destructive forces they would set in motion if

they were enacted into law, and none of those dire predictions have been justified.

"When I came to the Congress more than 29 years ago, a distinguished gentleman, who is present here this morning was the chairman of this great committee. I do not know whether it was a great committee before I came here or not, but I know that CARTER GLASS made it a great committee.

"Even in those days of the Federal Reserve System, some made dire predictions as to what it would do to banking and to finance.

"I must not take your time longer because there are others on the program. I want to say this about STEAGALL: He came from the rocks and hills of Alabama; he has not forgotten the rock from which he was weaned. Honors that have come to him have not changed him. He is still the simple man of the plain people.

"Let me repeat, he has grown to be a statesman of high order, but he has not forgotten the people.

"And, Henry, may I wish for you in the years that lay out before you, and I pray that they may be many, that you may enjoy to the fullest measure the rich blessings of health, of prosperity, and of peace, and that your path may lie through green pastures and by still waters. [Applause.]

"MR. PATMAN. Thank you, MR. RAYBURN. Our next speaker has probably had influence in framing and passing more financial legislation in Congress than any other person. He was coauthor of the Federal Reserve Act; and the Glass-Steagall bills, which were passed during the depression to help the country, are too numerous to mention. It pleases me to have the honor to present the Honorable CARTER GLASS, United States Senator from Virginia.

"Senator GLASS. Mr. Chairman, members of the Banking and Currency Committee of the House, ladies and gentlemen, it is a distinct pleasure to me to be a guest at this appropriate and important meeting in honor of HENRY STEAGALL. I have known him so long that I hesitate to tell you how long it has been.

"He and I have been associated for a number of years in all outstanding measures relating to the banking interests of the United States, and I have always found him amiable, firm, and sensible.

"This is a great picture, by a great artist, of a great representative in Congress. [Applause.] It gives me infinite pleasure to be among the guests here this morning.

"HENRY STEAGALL was a chief factor in the adoption of the insurance of bank deposits. A great many people, including myself, had doubts about what the result would be, but I am glad to know that it has been highly successful, that it has done a tremendous amount of good, that it has lessened, in fact, if it has not obliterated, bank failures in the United States; and in passing I may say that this is largely due to the fact that we put as administrator of this law one of the finest and most sensible men that ever lived, Leo Crowley.

"Administered by a man of less capacity, of inferior character, and oblivious of his responsibilities, the law may have been a disaster instead of a great blessing, but Leo Crowley has administered it as I think no other man could, and I take my hat off to him as well as I do to HENRY STEAGALL. [Applause.]

Also permit me to say that I have known BANKHEAD so long that I am ashamed to say how long. [Applause.]

MR. PATMAN. Thank you, Senator GLASS. It is my pleasure to present next the Honorable Preston Delano, Comptroller of the Currency. MR. DELANO will also represent the Honorable Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, who was unable to attend this ceremony.

"Mr. DELANO. Mr. Chairman, members of the Banking and Currency Committee of the House of Representatives, distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen, it is doubtful if there exists in the entire financial history of these United States a decade of greater significance than that of the last 10 years. During this period the Nation has faced and is still facing problems of deepest gravity. As a result of the unprecedented nature of these problems, the Banking and Currency Committee of the House of Representatives has been called upon to assume a heavy responsibility. We who are in government well understand how much of this responsibility falls upon the committee chairman during such a period of stress, and we who are in government, and particularly we of the Treasury, know with what earnestness and fidelity this responsibility has been discharged by the very distinguished gentleman whose portrait you have just seen unveiled.

"These last 10 years have seen Congress, with the approval of the President, place upon the statute books a series of acts so important and so far-reaching that they alter completely the financial and banking structure of the country. During this period the whole underlying philosophy of American banking has been fundamentally modified and expanded by the Banking Acts of 1933 and 1935.

"In all of this legislation HENRY BASCOM STEAGALL has played a dominant part. If you will go to the record, you will find there are two outstanding characteristics which have marked Mr. STEAGALL's career as chairman of this committee. The first has been his earnest and unchanging interest in the welfare of the independent country bank, an interest which I may say is heartily shared by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. He has been, and I know always will be, the closest friend of the crossroads banker.

"The second characteristic of Mr. STEAGALL's career as chairman of this all-important committee has been the uniform courtesy and dignity with which he has exercised the great power of his office, a courtesy and dignity which is in the best tradition of the chivalrous South from which he comes.

"And so, on behalf of Secretary Morgenthau, for whom I have the honor to speak, and who regrets that he cannot be here today, and for myself as Comptroller of the Currency, may I offer to you, Chairman STEAGALL, the congratulations and good wishes of all of us in the Treasury.

"Mr. PATMAN. Thank you, Mr. Delano. I now present the able financier, the Secretary of Commerce and Administrator of the Federal Loan Agency, the only man to have ever held two Cabinet-rank positions at the same time, the Honorable Jesse H. Jones.

"Mr. JONES. It is singularly appropriate at this particular time, with the world in its greatest struggle to preserve freedom for mankind and the democratic way of life, that we should pause to pay tribute to HENRY STEAGALL, one of the outstanding leaders in the Congress of the United States.

"HENRY STEAGALL and those associated with him in Congress are called upon to be almost superhuman in both knowledge and action. The Banking and Currency Committee, of which he has long been chairman, is one of the most important committees of Congress. It has been my privilege to appear before his committee many times during the past 10 years, asking for specific legislation, and upon the consideration and recommendation of his committee, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has authorized the lending and investing of more than \$25,000,000,000. Approximately one-half of this amount was for economic recovery after 1932, and the other half in the war effort.

"We in the administrative branch of Government frequently come to Congress asking

for authority to do something which we have taken weeks, and probably months, to think out, and we expect the committee members immediately to grasp and understand the problems and determine the necessity for the law. I have been amazed at the ability of the members of these committees, especially the Banking and Currency Committee of the House, over which HENRY STEAGALL presides and before which I have appeared for all Reconstruction Finance Corporation legislation to get to the heart of the problem. I have been impressed by his patience and his willingness to give those appearing before his committee every possible opportunity to be heard and to explain their problems to their own satisfaction.

"The gentleman from Alabama is one of our most distinguished statesmen. He holds the confidence of his constituents, and he holds the confidence of his fellow Members of Congress.

"Twenty-seven years is a long span for a man to remain in Congress, and you may rest assured, HENRY STEAGALL, that, if you had not looked after the interests of your constituents—the people you represent—you would not be here today. Apparently, in looking after the interests of your own constituents, you are serving the best interests of Alabama and of the entire United States.

"According to my observation, you go about your responsibilities with that one purpose in mind, and while you have a real understanding of the fiscal and industrial needs of the Nation, you also have a perfect understanding of the people of your State and their welfare.

"Men rise and fall in public favor with passing issues and periodical elections. Fortunately, you have been repeatedly sent back to Congress, and undoubtedly will be as long as you are willing to serve.

"Such is the man we honor today. Your succession, your record in the Congress, bear far greater testimony to your service than could any words said here today. The word 'statesman' has an important meaning, but it is not quite warm enough to sum up HENRY STEAGALL, a warm-hearted, generous, hearty spirit. We are proud of your achievements, and we are proud of the fine things for which you stand.

"I appreciate the opportunity to join with a few of your other friends in paying homage to you in this simple manner.

"Mr. PATMAN. Thank you, Mr. Jones. The next speaker is the Honorable Marriner S. Eccles, of Utah, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

"Mr. ECCLES. It is very gratifying to me to be asked to join in paying homage to my good friend, HENRY STEAGALL, though the 3 minutes allotted to me to review his extended and useful public career and pay tribute to his great human qualities are scarcely adequate. I should at least have as much time as the keynoter at a great national convention.

"Ever since I came to the Federal Reserve Board, HENRY STEAGALL has been chairman of the very powerful Banking and Currency Committee of the House. Time and again I have sat in the well of his august committee room, under his gavel, while his associates have plied me with questions on almost every subject under the sun, some of them touching now and then on matters of banking and currency.

"He has always been gracious and kind to me, as is his nature and habit. I am deeply indebted to him for the patience, wise counsel, and guidance he afforded me at the time of the Banking Act of 1935 and on many subsequent occasions. Even when he has failed to see eye to eye with me during momentary lapses of his usual high statesmanship, he has invariably turned me down so charmingly and gracefully, with such unfailing southern courtesy and consideration, that I have felt

no pain—at least not while in his radiant presence.

"The felicitous speeches which have been prepared for this occasion testify to the fact that HENRY STEAGALL is a national figure and a splendid public servant. No portrait of him, however inspired, can, of course, radiate his personality or speak his quiet words of wisdom. Hence I shall continue to consult HENRY in person while I respectfully salute his likeness on canvas. May they both long endure.

"Mr. PATMAN. Thank you, Mr. Eccles. The next speaker is Chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and Alien Property Custodian, the Honorable Leo Crowley.

"Mr. CROWLEY. I feel privileged, indeed, to participate today in this ceremony to honor a distinguished American statesman who is also my close personal friend, HENRY B. STEAGALL, Member of Congress from Alabama.

"As chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency of the House of Representatives during the past 10 years, Congressman STEAGALL has handled more legislation vital to the financial well-being of this Nation than was handled during any comparable period in our history. The contributions that he and his associates on the House Banking and Currency Committee made to rebuilding our banking system after the disastrous days of 1932 and 1933, and to reestablishing our whole financial system on a sounder basis, will rank in history, I am sure, among the most valuable and the most workable accomplishments of the Roosevelt administration.

"As Chairman of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for the past 8½ years, it has been my privilege to administer what is perhaps the outstanding recent innovation in the financial field. The idea of insuring bank depositors against loss of their funds through bank failures was advocated by Congressman STEAGALL for many years before 1933. Introduction and passage of the measure providing for Federal insurance of bank deposits in the Banking Act of 1933 was largely the product of his vision and of his strong leadership. In view of the powerful forces that gathered in opposition to the measure, its passage is a tribute to the courage and the persistence that his associates know characterize the efforts of HENRY STEAGALL when he knows he is right. And now that Federal deposit insurance is seasoned by nearly 9 years of valuable and constructive experience, now that the desirability and the workability of the plan have been demonstrated beyond question, I think it understatement to say that the people of this Nation owe to HENRY STEAGALL and his committee associates an eternal debt of gratitude, if only for this single contribution to their safety and their peace of mind and to the soundness of our financial system.

"We know that so long as HENRY STEAGALL remains in Congress, Federal deposit insurance will have a good and sympathetic friend. In common with other administrators of financial agencies, I have found him always willing to listen to administrative problems and always eager to sponsor legislation that would improve the soundness and the workability of financial statutes. For standing always with his feet solidly on the ground, for being able always to distinguish between needed changes and visionary proposals, and for lending his support and his leadership only to proposals of unquestionable merit, we and the thousands of American bankers and the millions of American bank depositors are grateful to HENRY B. STEAGALL. And our gratitude extends also to his coworkers on the House Banking and Currency Committee during the past 10 years.

"My own feelings on this occasion go far beyond professional recognition and civic gratitude. Even more than my work with

HENRY STEAGALL has demonstrated his keenness of intellect, his qualities of statesmanship, and his capacity for leadership, the association has meant for me a constantly ripening personal friendship which I value very highly. This friendship has meant much to me since I came to Washington. It is my hope that the fates will permit our association to continue for many years more and that our ties will grow closer with each passing year.

"Mr. PATMAN. Thank you, Mr. Crowley. I now present the Honorable JOE STARNES, Congressman from the Fifth Alabama District.

"Mr. STARNES. Mr. Chairman, HENRY B. STEAGALL is Alabama's proud gift to the Nation. If, by God's grace, he completes the term to which he has been recently nominated without opposition there will have been only 16 other Members of the House who have served for an equal or longer period than he. No other Member has his name identified with more laws of national and international import. Mr. STEAGALL further has the unusual record of having never lost a bill which has been considered by the House.

"While Mr. STEAGALL is the author or co-author of more monetary legislation than any other American, the measures which he has authored and sponsored have covered the whole of our economic life. They have touched the hearthstone of every American home. When his party came into control of the House in the final years of President Hoover's administration, he authored the legislation establishing the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Under the able administration of another great American, Jesse Jones, of Texas, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation revived and restored business operations in every State.

"Mr. STEAGALL's most famous legislative contribution in the monetary field is the act guaranteeing bank deposits. He advocated this legislation for many years prior to 1932 and successfully sponsored the measure through the Congress when his party obtained complete control of the Government. This legislation did more to restore the confidence of our people in their financial institutions and to end bank failures than all other factors combined.

"Among other contributions of our distinguished colleague to the stability and leavening of our social and economic life has been the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, designed to save homes; the Federal Housing Administration, to build and repair homes under which over \$5,000,000,000 worth of loans on homes have been insured without net loss to the Government; and the United States Housing Authority, which has abolished many of the slums in our cities, towns, and communities. It is noteworthy that Mr. STEAGALL personally wrote a provision in the United States Housing Authority which inaugurated a slum-clearance program for rural areas.

"Measures to stimulate trade and commerce with other nations and to breathe life into the good-neighbor policy, as well as measures to increase the income and improve the lot of the American farmer have been sponsored by our distinguished colleague.

"It can be truthfully said that as a legislator he has a broad, comprehensive understanding of our national life, with its varied problems; as a leader he is adept, adroit, skillful, always progressive, and uniformly successful; as a man his impulses are attuned to the warm heartbeats of the human family. No man who has served in this distinguished body has ever possessed a keener sense of humor, more common sense, or a greater love for his friends, his country, and his God than HENRY B. STEAGALL, of Alabama. Certainly none has served with more distinction nor constructive usefulness.

"Mr. PATMAN. Thank you, Mr. STARNES. At this time it is my privilege and pleasure to

present our most distinguished and honored guest upon this occasion, the Honorable HENRY B. STEAGALL, chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency.

"Mr. STEAGALL. Mr. Chairman, Mr. Speaker, members of the committee, and distinguished guests, we are taught that man acquired the power of speech only after a long period of development. So until this day there are times when no language can give full expression to the emotions of the human heart. You must look beyond my words deep down into my heart to understand how grateful I am to my friends who are responsible for this occasion, and for all the kindly, generous things that have been said. The fact that I recognize my faults and limitations makes it all only more personal, and more appreciated.

"The success that may have marked my service is not due alone to any merit of mine. Credit must be given the members of the Committee on Banking and Currency of the House who have been unfailing in their indulgence and cooperation, and who have contributed so much of what has been accomplished. I speak not only of majority members but of the minority as well. The work of our committee has never been marred by any partisanship inconsistent with public duty.

"In all my years of service in Congress I have never known a committee that possessed a higher average of ability or that reflected more credit upon the House than the Committee on Banking and Currency. In my judgment, the work of this committee is more important to the prosperity and happiness of our people than that of any other committee of the House.

"It was this committee that formulated the great Federal Reserve Act, which enabled the Nation successfully to finance the First World War without serious disturbance to our domestic economy. That measure was enacted under the leadership of the illustrious Senator from Virginia, CARTER GLASS, at the time chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee of the House, and Senator Robert L. Owen, of Oklahoma, chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee of the Senate, who honor us by their presence here today. This committee has played a most conspicuous part in the formation and passage of legislation suited to the stupendous task confronting us at this time of national crisis.

"Through the magnanimity and unfailing kindness of a great and generous constituency, it has been my good fortune to have been chosen as Representative in Congress for a continuous period of 30 years. The record shows that only 11 Members of the House have served longer than this. I have served during the administrations of President Wilson, President Harding, President Coolidge, President Hoover, and now President Roosevelt—the recognized leader of the moral forces of the world. I have served with eight Speakers of the House, beginning with Speaker Clark, Speaker Gillette, Speaker Longworth, Speaker Garner, Speaker Rainey, Speaker Byrnes, brilliant William B. Bankhead of Alabama, and our present able and beloved Speaker, SAM RAYBURN—great statesmen, all of them, and true Americans. Well worthy of association with these are many contemporaries whose names will forever adorn the history of these times.

"As these names and faces come trooping to memory, I am reminded of the words of the immortal Pericles, who, when approaching the end of his incomparable career embracing the period which history records as the 'Age of Pericles' or the 'Golden Age of Greece,' said that, within his lifetime had, 'Existed the greater part of those who since the origin of the world have been the luminaries of the human race.' No doubt

the statement of Pericles was fully justified. I can truly say that these men with whom I have had the honor of association—some of whom honor us by their presence on this occasion—may justly be called the luminaries of another age. I could wish no higher honor than these associations and friendships. They enrich my life. They make the years seem all too brief. I confess I wish they could be longer.

"Throughout all the world, in this hour of darkness, men and women look with tear-stained eyes to the Congress of the United States for light and leadership. We will not fail them. I believe the present representatives of the sovereign people of the United States are worthy of our best traditions and will prove equal to the responsibilities entrusted to them.

"When the present conflict ends—as, please God, it shall end in the triumph of our flag—we will reclaim and hold the powers and prerogatives—vested by the Constitution in the chosen representatives of the people. Of course our orderly processes must be interrupted during this unhappy period of world conflict and our lives adjusted to these temporary conditions. But when peace shall come again, we will resume the normal processes intended by the heroic patriots who established our Government. We will assert anew our uncompromising devotion to those fundamental principles that are essential to the perpetuity of this Republic—and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

"Mr. PATMAN. Thank you, Mr. STEAGALL. In conclusion, I desire to express appreciation to the participants of this program. Please accept from the Committee on Banking and Currency of the House our thanks, appreciation, and congratulations."

The SPEAKER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

THE LATE HONORABLE J. WILLIAM DITTER

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that I announce the death of our colleague the able Representative from the Seventeenth District of the State of Pennsylvania, the Honorable J. WILLIAM DITTER. I offer a resolution (H. Res. 362), which I send to the Clerk's desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. J. WILLIAM DITTER, a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That a committee of 10 Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, J. WILLIAM DITTER, familiarly known as "Bill" to all the Members of the House, was one of the outstanding Representatives, a tireless worker, an able debater, a man who was always admired and respected, even by those Members who opposed his views and expressions. As a member of the Committee on Appropriations, his keen mind and training were of unquestioned

service to this country. He was an outstanding member of the bar. Bill sacrificed his practice to serve during these critical times in the interests of the Nation. His untimely passing will be a great loss to his district, to his State, and to his Nation.

I think it fitting that I read at this time a letter received by the Speaker this morning:

The SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,
Washington, November 22, 1943.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. SPEAKER: It was with deep regret this morning that I learned of the tragic death of the Honorable J. WILLIAM DITTER, Representative from Pennsylvania.

Mr. DITTER, during his career in Congress, has been a true friend of the Navy and his loss will be deeply felt by the personnel of the Navy and of the Navy Department.

In all dealings with him we found him to have the best interests of the Nation at heart.

The Nation, the House of Representatives, and the Navy have suffered a keen loss in his passing.

Very truly yours,

FRANK KNOX.

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts, the minority leader [Mr. MARTIN].

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, one of the saddest duties of my career in this body confronts me this morning; that is to speak of the tragic death of our greatly esteemed colleague, the Honorable J. WILLIAM DITTER, of Pennsylvania. About 1 o'clock this morning, I was awakened to receive the shocking news that BILL DITTER had been killed earlier in an airplane crash. It was difficult for me, as I know it is difficult for you, to realize that one so vigorous, so full of energy, so filled with love of life and interest in his work, could pass so quickly from this world.

The tragic death of the Honorable J. WILLIAM DITTER will shock the Nation. In his untimely passing his country lost a patriotic legislator; the House of Representatives lost a brilliant and able Member; his colleagues lost an associate for whom we all had a deep affection; the Republican Party lost a tireless worker. I know I speak for the whole House in saying that the deep sympathy of this entire body goes out to our dead colleague's bereaved family.

It was my privilege to have enjoyed the close friendship of BILL DITTER since he first came to Congress. His outstanding ability, his splendid gifts as an orator, his brilliant mentality marked him as one who would have gone far in serving his country had he been spared this tragic end.

He served for years as a member of the important Committee on Appropriations, and in this service he acquired a profound knowledge of the Government and its operations. His service on the Subcommittee on Naval Affairs had rendered him an authority on those matters. He had contributed much to the development of the American Navy.

He was three times selected by his associates as chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee.

As a teacher, lawyer, public prosecutor, and legislator, he served well the people of Pennsylvania and the Nation.

We can ill afford, especially in times like these, and with the problems which lie ahead of us to be solved, to lose a great American like BILL DITTER.

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. KINZER].

Mr. KINZER. My colleagues, a deep sorrow has fallen upon the Pennsylvania congressional delegation in the untimely and sudden death of our colleague which occurred last night at 8:30, about 10 miles from my home while he was on his way from Massachusetts to his home in Ambler. The storm drove them 80 miles west entirely out of their course, and the plane crashed near the town of Columbia, Lancaster County, Pa., at 8:30 last night. WILL DITTER came to this Congress well equipped by education, study, and personality, more than a decade ago and from that time to this he has represented the Seventeenth Congressional District of Pennsylvania. He knew his constituents. He understood their problems, their sorrows, their hopes, and their aspirations, and he at all times met them and aided them in every way within his power in the solving of those problems.

WILL DITTER was an able Member of this House worthy of any adversary, with few equals and no superiors in forensic debate. We shall miss him, and I shall miss him as a neighbor and a close personal friend. He has been helpful to all of us; he has been kind to us. In his passing our sympathy goes out to his helpmeet and wife who through the years has aided him in every way, and likewise our sympathy goes out to his son and daughter who have lost the guiding hand of a loving father.

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. TABER].

Mr. TABER. Mr. Speaker, the House bows its head in greatest grief this morning. Two of our distinguished leaders are gone.

J. WILLIAM DITTER came to this House with a wonderful record behind him. Most of the time he has been here he has served with me upon the Committee on Appropriations. All of that time on the committee he has been a member of the Naval Subcommittee, and has had as much to do as any man with the naval preparations that have come in the last few years. But, his service was diversified. He served upon the Committee on the District of Columbia, upon the Interior Department Subcommittee; upon the Treasury and Post Office Department Subcommittee, and in later years upon the Deficiency Committee.

To my mind he was the ablest debater on the floor of this House. He was a great lawyer and an expert accountant. Those qualities made of him one of the very best cross-examiners I have ever seen.

To lose such a man at such a time as this, in the time of our Nation's greatest trial, is a blow to the Republic. Our sympathy goes out in fullest measure to

that family of his to whom he was so keenly devoted.

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the majority leader, the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. McCORMACK].

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, I was grievously shocked upon receiving word of the death of our late friend—my genuine friend—BILL DITTER. Our friendship started early in his congressional career, dating back more than 10 years.

His qualities of leadership, his power of speech, his lovable personality quickly brought him to the forefront among our Republican colleagues, and these same qualities endeared him to the entire House.

I can see him now in debate from his position in the third row, and I can see him walking across the House, particularly when there was colloquy or some passage which had taken place between himself and some other Member—and frequently I was that other Member—and how I marveled at his ability, his rapidity of thought, and the difficulty of undermining his position.

BILL DITTER and I often crossed swords on matters involving differences of opinion, and occasionally on matters involving some political color in which we engaged in debate, but always these exchanges were of the most impersonal and friendly nature.

As previously said today in tribute to him, BILL DITTER was "a foeman worthy of any man's steel." He was always fair in debate. Strong advocate though he was, he never resorted to small practices. He was a man of high ideals. He possessed nobility of character. He had the courage of his convictions and never did he hesitate to freely express them.

One emotion BILL DITTER firmly possessed, and that was his love of the House of Representatives.

In his untimely and tragic death this House has lost one of its stalwarts. The Nation has been deprived of a truly great statesman. Throughout his service in the House, BILL DITTER, as I lovingly and fondly refer to him, was ever interested in the United States Navy. He was one of its strongest advocates and supporters. His only boy, I am informed, was just recently commissioned in the Navy; and he was intensely proud of that boy.

I am further advised that there is being completed at the Willow Grove Naval Air Station—which was BILL DITTER's destination last evening when the fatal accident occurred—a chapel which will bear a plaque at the entrance, the inscription for which was chosen by BILL DITTER. That inscription will read:

A house of prayer.

And then these words, from the Psalms:

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.

I have faith that his life has been acceptable to the Redeemer and that his soul is in God's keeping.

Mr. CANNON of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, the casualty lists from the battle fronts are lengthening. Every morning there is delivered at the door of homes throughout the Nation telegrams which read, "Regret to inform you that your son—"

But all the war casualties are not on the other side, and we have one tragically reported here this morning. Congressman DITTER was as much a participant in the war effort, as much a part of the American forces as any boy who mans a machine gun or pilots a plane across the enemy frontiers today.

As a member of the Committee on Appropriations he not only cooperated in the heavy responsibilities of the committee in providing funds for the support of the entire war program, but as ranking minority member of the Subcommittee on Naval Appropriations, he gave unstintingly of his time and attention, and of his great talents, to the work of that committee in the development of a two-ocean Navy and of American sea power which has given the United States the greatest Navy ever launched under the flag of any nation in the history of the world—a Navy which has been up to this time, and will continue to be with increasing emphasis, a determining factor in this war of extermination and survival now waged in every quarter of the globe.

WILLIAM DITTER was a man of exceptional ability. He was an outstanding figure in the Congress and in the Nation. He rendered a distinguished service to his State, to the Congress, to his party, and especially to his country.

He died at his post of duty and in line of action, and if he could have sent us a last message I am certain that message would have been, "Carry on." In the words of Saul, as paraphrased by Lord Byron:

Warriors and chiefs! should the shaft or the sword
Pierce me in leading the host of the Lord,
Heed not the corse, though a king's, in your path:

Bury your steel in the bosoms of Gath!

Thou who art bearing my buckler and bow,
Should the soldiers of Saul look away from the foe,

Stretch me that moment in blood at thy feet!
Mine be the doom which they dared not to meet.

Farewell to others, but never we part,
Heir to my royalty, son of my heart!
Bright is the diadem, boundless the sway,
Or kindly the death, which awaits us today!

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. SIMPSON].

Mr. SIMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is hard to speak of a departed colleague; it is doubly hard this morning when we learn of the loss of two of our very distinguished colleagues. One of them, the Honorable J. WILLIAM DITTER, is from Pennsylvania. To stand in this spot where he scored his triumphs and to recall to your minds his value to our country so soon following his departure from us is difficult. Time will impress upon the minds of Americans the worth of BILL DITTER and HENRY STEAGALL to

their country. They were called at the zenith of their careers for a higher purpose. Of that I am convinced. That purpose can only be that an all-knowing Father needed them in the furthering of His design. Those of us remaining will do our best to fill their shoes, a most difficult job and one which time will help us do.

To those dear ones remaining with us we pledge our sympathies, we express our regret, and we know that in their remembrance of these departed loved ones they will find a lasting satisfaction.

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. WIGGLESWORTH].

Mr. WIGGLESWORTH. Mr. Speaker, the tragic and untimely death of our able colleague and distinguished friend the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Hon. J. WILLIAM DITTER, carries with it a sense of shock and deep personal loss.

For years I have worked closely with BILL DITTER. I have worked closely with him as a member of the Committee on Appropriations, as a member of the subcommittee in charge of deficiency appropriations, as a member of the Republican Congressional Committee. In days gone by he has come into my district to speak in my behalf. Only a few days ago, as the Members will recall—in perhaps his last speech on the floor of this House—his friendship was evidenced in striking manner.

No one could work closely with him as I have without having for him both high regard and deep affection. I shall miss him greatly.

BILL DITTER's death is a great loss to the Nation. His contribution to the Navy and in other fields of outstanding importance is well known to us all. His gift of expression, his capacity in debate, his power of analysis, his knowledge of human nature combined to give him a continually increasing influence on the floor of this House and held for him the prospect of an even brighter and more useful future in the service of his country. The Nation can ill afford, Mr. Speaker, to lose one of his high character and outstanding capacity in these difficult days.

I join in heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Ditter and to the members of the family who survive him.

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Kansas [Mr. LAMBERTSON].

Mr. LAMBERTSON. Mr. Speaker, we are downcast today over the passing of our two colleagues. J. WILLIAM DITTER was sitting by me Friday in a committee hearing. We shall miss him much, for he was an able Member of the House. Besides being penetrating, he was conscientious and forceful. While he occupied a position of leadership in the party, he was a thoroughgoing American and at his zenith in public usefulness. May his memory help us to do our duty better.

It was never my privilege to have served in a committee with Mr. STEAGALL, but I have observed him for nearly eight terms on the floor. I appreciated his high worth. It is very unusual to lose two men in the same 24 hours. It is so

rare that they should both be men of such distinguished leadership.

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Vermont [Mr. PLUMLEY].

Mr. PLUMLEY. Mr. Speaker, my long-time and never-to-be-forgotten connection with J. WILLIAM DITTER, ranking member of the Subcommittee on Appropriations for the Navy, on which I served with him at his solicitation, was too confidential and too intimate; my personal relations and those of my family with him and his family were and are so close that I do not trust myself to try at this time to pay to his memory so just and rich a tribute as I hope later to be able to pay, somewhat commensurate with his deserts.

Until then and upon this mournful occasion may I say only that so well did I know BILL DITTER, I dare to say that could he have been heard to have spoken as he met the grisly thing called death, he might have been heard to say as he went to the reward of just men made perfect:

Let me live out my years in heat of blood!
Let me die drunken with the dreamer's wine!

Let me not see this soul-house built of mud
Go toppling to the dust—a vacant shrine.

Let me go quickly, like a candle light
Snuffed out just at the heyday of its glow.
Give me high noon—and let it then be night!
Thus would I go.

And grant that when I face the grisly Thing,
My song may trumpet down the gray
Perhaps.

Let me be as a tune-swept fiddle string
That feels the Master Melody—and snaps!

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. RODGERS].

Mr. RODGERS of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, once again the black camel of death has entered our midst, knelt at the threshold of the earthly home of two of our colleagues, and summoned them to go on that long journey to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler e'er returns.

When I received early this morning the information at my hotel that BILL DITTER had been killed in an airplane crash I could not speak; words failed me. It fails me now, it fails all of us, to find words properly to express our regret and our sorrow at his untimely passing. We shall miss his cheery greeting, his ever-readiness to be helpful to us in any way that lay within his power. His place in committee, on the floor, in the councils of his party will be hard to fill. His community, his State, his Nation, has suffered a great loss. To the bereaved family we extend our deepest heartfelt sympathy in this hour of sudden tragedy.

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mrs. ROGERS].

Mrs. ROGERS of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, the full scope of our loss today is not realized, I believe, by any one of us. We are too stunned and shocked. We have lost two of the great leaders of the greatest legislative body in the world, the House of Representatives.

Very soon a Member learns to measure the ability, the character, and equipment of his fellow Members. These two gentlemen were well prepared when they came to the House, but they grew steadily year by year in stature and in their ability to get things done for America.

A great writer once said: "It is not life that matters but the courage we bring to it." Both these men always showed rare courage. Both these men had a great belief in God, a firm conviction in the hereafter, and that if you lived properly and courageously you went to that Great Beyond. It is my belief that that is why they were so courageous, why they were leaders, and why their actions in the House will help us to carry on. Their spirit will lead us along the way.

Each man died in the service of his country. The senior Member, HENRY B. STEAGALL, died as a result of an overtaxed heart as the result of war work and a long speech made on the House floor when he was very ill last week. Hon. J. WILLIAM DITTER died while carrying out his work for the Navy he loved so well. I believe if he could have chosen the way he was to meet his death, he would have wished to go as he did in a Navy plane while performing a service for the conduct of the war. The Navy wrote a tribute of respect and appreciation of his great contribution in appropriating funds for strengthening of all branches of the Navy. We especially owe this statesman and patriot unfailing gratitude.

Both these men had a great graciousness and a great gentleness. Neither man was ever too busy to sit down and talk things over and talk things out with a fellow Member. The last thing either of them said to me was an encouraging, helpful word. As we grieve, our deepest, most understanding sympathy goes to their families.

There are no party lines when we lose those we love in the House but, of course, the blow falls more heavily upon members of the party to which the departed friend belonged. In the passing of WILLIAM DITTER the Republicans have suffered an irreparable loss. A tireless, effective worker, modest, unassuming, a brilliant debater of great ability, a fine friend, we shall miss him more than we can say.

Both leaders were nationally known. The Nation will pause with us and mourn their loss.

Every Member in the House today realizes that for HENRY STEAGALL and WILLIAM DITTER there is no death.

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. GRAHAM].

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, the silver cord is loosened, the golden bowl is broken. The picture is dashed to pieces. Today those of us who live and move around are conscious of two outstanding men. It has been well said that at the moment we do not realize the loss we have suffered. As the days go on and as time unfolds and the work of this House must be carried on for the benefit of the Nation and the world at

large, we shall miss these two men more than we at the moment can imagine.

One day I asked our colleague from Pennsylvania, as he was passing back and forth: "Why is it that you do not go to the Well?" He said, "I consider it a mark of disrespect to the Speaker to turn my back on that Chair and the man who occupies it." I may say, Mr. Speaker, that no man in my acquaintanceship held in higher respect the traditions of this great body than did our brother DITTER.

Many points have been emphasized in the lives and characters of these men, their kindness, their gentleness, their ability, their scholarly attainments, but underneath it all there is something like the Biblical phrase: "Underneath it all are the eternal arms sustaining."

I often think of my friend, and I speak of him now as a friend with the deepest feeling. Frequently he would come to me and ask, "Have you time to look up a little law for me?" or "Will you look up this point for me to make dead sure I am right?" He never entered this Well and never crossed swords with an opponent until he felt he was firmly grounded, that he was established as it were bottomed on the law, and then with that marvelous skill of repartee of the adroit rapier thrust that no man in this House possesses, and I speak from a knowledge of 38 years in the criminal courts of the United States in my State, never have I seen in my time such a cross-examiner, such a debater, such a man of skill as this man, yet with it all kindly, gentle. One day, I recall with distinctness when a Member on the opposition said to me that he felt hurt over something Mr. DITTER had said. I overtook our colleague, the gentleman from Pennsylvania, at the door and told him. Like a flash he said he would not hurt a man in this House under any consideration, and, "I will go at once and I will apologize to him, I will strike it from the Record," and to his everlasting credit that was done.

That is the measure of a man. Not in the triumph of his success did he wish in any way to hurt his fellow men, but with all kindness, gentleness, and softness, all the time upholding his party and his position, yet through it all having consideration for his fellow man.

If you will pardon another personal reference, may I refer to his daughter who is associated with him in the practice of law. What a remarkable thing it is for a father and daughter to be associated. Frequently we know of fathers and sons being associated together but it is a rare thing indeed that a daughter emulates her father and follows in his course. Then there is his son and what pride he had in that boy and the fact he was entering the Navy. The only time I ever saw him show any emotion was one day when he was speaking to me he said: "You do not know, you will never know the pride of a father, the pride I have in my son entering the Navy and going out to defend our country."

Is it any wonder that we from Pennsylvania are proud of this man, proud of his memory, the marvelous courage he has left us and that we are so glad to pay tribute to him here today? It seems to me that in the days that he taught in the Northeastern High School of Philadelphia, when he taught the subjects of history and economics, that something went through his every fiber and system, for I know of no man in this House who took a greater interest in the history of his country and a greater pride. Living near Valley Forge, passing through Germantown and on the Brandywine day by day passing Independence Hall, the memories of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States and the Continental United States, the Congress of the Confederacy and all those great heroes and characters, this man had taken something into his very being that meant something for America. He was a genuine American through it all. Now he is gone.

I know of no words more beautiful than the words of George Matheson, the blind English preacher, and if you will indulge me for a moment I would like to read them as a true sentiment of my own feelings toward Mr. DITTER:

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

—George Matheson.

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. BRADLEY].

Mr. BRADLEY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this morning I learned the news of the death of my colleague from Pennsylvania, WILLIAM DITTER, while at my home in Philadelphia preparing to return to Washington. On my arrival here I was informed of the untimely death also of the distinguished gentleman from Alabama, Mr. STEAGALL.

Regarding our colleague from Alabama, our distinguished Speaker has well expressed the thought of the House by characterizing him as a kindly and lovable gentleman. To my colleague from Alabama I would say that we all join with them in expressing our sympathy to the family of Mr. STEAGALL and to the citizens of Alabama for the loss their State has suffered. In the years he served in this body he made a contribution not only to the State of Alabama, but to the welfare of the entire Nation.

In common with all of my colleagues from Pennsylvania, I was shocked and stunned by the tragic circumstances surrounding the death of **BILL DITTER**, to a degree that does not permit expression. He was no less a casualty of the war than are those who have died on the sea, in the air, and on the battlefields in this war. He died in the service of the Navy which he loved and which he had served so well.

This aisle may divide us along party lines but it can never divide us in friendship and in affection. For **BILL DITTER**, I always felt a sincere and deep affection. I feel I have sustained a personal loss. Our State has lost a man, who, in the service rendered to it, has not been surpassed by anyone, who in our time has been in public life in the State of Pennsylvania.

To his wife and family, I extend my sincere sympathy in this hour of bereavement and I pray that Almighty God will give consolation to them.

Many of us, because of the duties which confront us every day and the new problems that arise engaging our attention, are prone too soon to forget our associates, but they have the right to expect that those of us, who have been so intimately associated with them day by day, shall not forget them. To us they cry, "Have pity, have pity, at least, you my friend, for the hand of the Lord hath touched me."

As we mourn them today, as we recall their memory in the days to come, I would say that it would be well if we would remember the injunction of Holy Scripture, "That it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead."

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Indiana [**Mr. HALLECK**].

Mr. HALLECK. Mr. Speaker, in these troublesome times with our Nation and the world at war, we are constantly in the presence of death, stark and sudden. Almost every day we learn of such a death of someone near and dear to us. But not even the present frequency of these unhappy experiences can alleviate the shock occasioned by the sudden, wholly unexpected and tragic death of one so close to us as was our colleague, **J. WILLIAM DITTER**. Those of us who have served with him in the Congress of the United States and all of us who knew him are utterly devastated by the sad news conveyed to us this morning.

I find myself at a loss for words to adequately tell of my love and respect for **BILL DITTER**. Forceful and able, a master of rough and tumble debate, he was yet always kindly and courteous, friendly and fair. A man of his word. A promise made by him was a commitment to be kept. To be helpful to others was one of his greatest desires. Untold scores of us in the Congress and many thousands in the country can bear witness to this plain statement of fact.

Much more might I say of the life and character of my friend, **BILL DITTER**. For this occasion, suffice it to say that he had the complete respect of his colleagues, and greater than that no man can say. His active service was on the

home front, here among his colleagues in the Congress of the United States, but the influence of his earnest and constructive efforts was felt on every front, from the frozen fields of Iceland to the steaming jungles of Guadalcanal. We have lost a friend and the Nation has lost a great and loyal patriot. Truly, a general has fallen.

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [**Mr. TIBBOTT**].

Mr. TIBBOTT. Mr. Speaker, all of us mourn the loss of our distinguished colleague, **J. WILLIAM DITTER**. His untimely death is not only a severe shock to the State of Pennsylvania, but the Nation as well.

It is difficult to understand why one of his character should be taken from us so suddenly. A Divine Providence closed the portals on his life at a time when he was standing on the panel of a notable and brilliant career in the Congress of the United States. Though his voice, which always rang out in the true Christian spirit, is now muted, he will live forever in our minds and hearts.

BILL DITTER was a devout Christian. He was the sort of man that one felt free to consult. His wise counsel was so often a blessing to a new Member. He had an army of friends and no enemies. He leaves to his family the priceless heritage of a good name and the record of a life full of devotion to his country, his family, and friends.

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [**Mr. GROSS**].

Mr. GROSS. Mr. Speaker, this morning as I walked down the Avenue to my office I noticed that the flags were at half mast on the House Office Building. When I inquired and was told that my friend **BILL DITTER** had met such a tragic end within a few miles of my home, it stopped me in my path. I reached my office and was recovering from the shock when I was informed of the passing of our friend, **Mr. STEAGALL**.

It has not been my good fortune to know the gentleman from Alabama intimately, but on last Thursday when he made that marvelous speech here you could get the number of the man by observing him in action then. I shall always think of **HENRY STEAGALL** as I observed him on this floor last Thursday afternoon, fighting for what I know he believed was for the best interests of the country as a whole.

My good friend **DITTER**—and when I say "my good friend" I mean that **BILL** was my friend. I have enjoyed very few personal friendships of this character in my time. We believe in God and when we lose a friend, oftentimes we think about his future. I am not thinking about **BILL DITTER**'s future today. I know that he had religious experiences in his life, that he had a complete knowledge of his creed, and that he enjoyed a strong faith and a lively hope. In that I today find consolation.

I came to the Congress in 1939. I learned to know him during that campaign. He realized that I needed his help, and he always extended it to me. He

called me the landsman. He knew I came from the grass roots. Coming from the grass roots, I soon learned to know that while our good friend, **BILL DITTER**, was a man who had the ability to do big things and did do big things he never overlooked the little things and us little people. In Congress and out of Congress he had one ambition, to further the interests of his country and his party.

While he was big and could have dominated, and while he could have issued orders to us fellows from the grass roots, he never did. He just asked us for our cooperation, if we thought we could go along, and generally we went along because of his strong character and his influence, which was based not on power but on the fine qualities of a Christian gentleman.

I am not concerned today about his future. I am wondering who can take his place.

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the gentleman from Indiana [**Mr. LUDLOW**].

Mr. LUDLOW. Mr. Speaker, it has been said that misfortunes never come singly. When I arrived at this Chamber at noon I had not heard of the death of **HENRY STEAGALL**. The passing of two such eminent and outstanding Members of the House within 24 hours is indeed a double tragedy. I had the highest respect and admiration for **Mr. STEAGALL**, and in his death I mourn the passing of a wise and useful legislator, an exalted patriot, a great and good man. I extend my deepest sympathy to his family.

It has been a long time since I have had such a shock as I received this morning, when I picked up the paper and read the news of the sudden death of our loved colleague, **Mr. DITTER**. I wish to join in the tributes of deep and genuine sorrow which our colleagues preceding me have paid to him and which we hear on every hand.

It had been my privilege to enjoy intimate acquaintanceship with **Mr. DITTER** as a result of many years of association with him on the Committee on Appropriations and on the Subcommittee on Deficiencies, which has jurisdiction over many matters affecting the Nation's vital interests. It seems tragic beyond words that the chair which he occupied at the committee table only last week is vacant today. His death has left an aching void in the hearts of all of the members of our subcommittee, as it has in the hearts of all who knew him.

I do not think I ever met a more lovable man than **Mr. DITTER** revealed himself to be when you got right next to him and obtained a grasp of his wonderfully kind and ingratiating personality. If in the asperities of debate he by inadvertence said anything that wounded the feelings of an antagonist, he made immediate amends, for he was so warm in his friendship for his fellow men that he would not hurt the sensibilities of any person for anything on earth. I remember once on this floor when he had launched into a criticism of Judge Vinson, I reminded him that the judge had just taken over his office

and could not possibly know about the things he was being criticized for and his reaction was an immediate and abject apology. My reminder had presented the situation in its true light, and he was too great a man, too devoted to principles of justice to want to be unfair to anyone.

He was always considerate and thoughtful of others, and the friendliness which he radiated bound men to him as with hoops of steel. I remember that I once did a small favor for him; it was a very minor circumstance, but he never ceased to be appreciative. He gave the best there was in him to his country and to the service of humanity. We of the committee working circle to which he belonged, who knew him so well and liked him so much, will carry on with sorrow in our hearts and will always think of him as a blessed memory. He was a sweet soul, a loving soul; and as we bid him farewell we might appropriately paraphrase the encomium that Hamlet paid to his father:

He was a man, take him for all in all we shall not see his like again.

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield now to the gentleman from Ohio [Mrs. BOLTON].

Mrs. BOLTON. Mr. Speaker, like everyone in this House I came to the floor this morning with sorrow in my heart. That two such strong men should be taken from us from one day to the next is a devastating experience for us all.

It was not my privilege to know the honorable gentleman from Alabama, Mr. STEAGALL, more than slightly though in the years since I have been a Member of this House I have learned to have a sincere regard and warm affection for him. His exquisite gentleness, his chivalry, his kindness to all was outstanding in the House, and for myself I shall miss him.

In the sudden dramatic passing of the beloved Member from Pennsylvania, WILLIAM DITTER, there has gone from our midst a man of strong personality who has made for himself a place we all can envy. His was a strong hand, yet a gentle one. To so many of us he has been a close friend, a kind counselor, never asking anything of us, never expecting anything, and yet because he expected nothing of us often forcing us into something perhaps better than ourselves, even though that something would be in disagreement with his own views. To my mind that is a quality that but few people possess: The ability to clarify a subject without partisanship, without bias, leaving you free to form your own conclusions. To me he always showed that capacity.

We talked together many times of life and of the imminence of death, and of its meaning. One day I said to him, After all, is it not true as the ancients have said that if you would know the meaning of death you must seek it in the very heart of life? After all, life is an eternal thing, an eternal flow, a never-ending adventure.

And we would talk sometimes about the various phases of life, of passing from one stage of existence into an-

other. We spoke of the dragon fly, that emerges from its chrysalis, dries its wings, and then without any knowledge of where it is going, flies off into the sun toward the light and the glory. Though it go far on its first day, it comes back to the place from which it took its wings, and hovers over the water, over the place where it was born.

For myself, I like to think that those who have been with us have not gone far, that they still share with us here in these halls, during these very serious times, perhaps in closer communion than we know, the problems that are ours. Surely a spirit such as Mr. STEAGALL's could not go far from that to which he gave so much, and I know that BILL DITTER's heart was here, in the halls where we struggle to keep our country free, to protect her, to give our dream for her reality. Surely they have not gone far! It is for us to pull aside the veils that lie between, that we may hear the message that they still have to give to us as each day we sit here.

I often think that these chairs that look so empty at times are in reality filled to overflowing! How deeply we should feel our responsibilities to interpret for those who are invisible, yes, but still so very potent. After all, the invisible life is closest to the Infinite. Is it not perhaps true that those that we cannot see are perhaps our strongest hope? I lay upon this desk along with all of the eulogies that we have heard these few words with the hope that because these men have been with us, we in our turn may do more truly the service they died to render.

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield now to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. SCOTT].

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Speaker, in common with all of you, I mourn BILL DITTER as a colleague, as a friend, and as a distinguished Member of this body. To me he was somewhat more than that, because he was for so long a time my neighbor. My home is only a few yards from the beginning of BILL DITTER's district. His home is only a short distance from mine. I have known him since his first term in the Congress and when I came to this body as a very new Member I looked to him as an adviser, as a counselor, and, above everything else, as a sincere, trusted friend.

I knew also the very fine young naval officer who, in common with BILL DITTER, this rain-swept evening which has just passed, also reached out and touched the hand of God. I think as truly as Lieutenant Commander Mansure died on active duty in the service of his country, so also it is fitting and it is proper that we take note that BILL DITTER likewise died in the service of his country, and that it may be said of them as it was said of those fallen valiants who have gone before—

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them.

I had occasion when I read the shocking news this morning to look up the last words that our friend and colleague spoke on the floor of this House. They were so typical of him and his great love for this country that I think they ought to be repeated here as a fitting part of his farewell to us who remain for yet a short time. He said, on the 19th of November in this hall:

As a people we are sorely in need of a re-establishment of faith in the integrity of government.

His belief in the integrity of government, of the Nation which he loved, was reflected in that statement, and in all his life and in all his career; in the estimate of his fellowmen he stood for integrity of purpose and of character.

He knew so well that "upon knowledge is an house builded, with wisdom shall its chambers be filled with all beauteous and pleasant riches," for indeed he had a firm grounding of sound knowledge and he knew the riches of wisdom.

It is with heavy hearts that we say to him at journey's end: "Go with God."

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. GAVIN].

Mr. GAVIN. Mr. Speaker, today we record the passing of two great leaders, HENRY B. STEAGALL and J. WILLIAM DITTER. Mr. STEAGALL I did not know so well, but his last address made a profound impression on me.

Of J. WILLIAM DITTER it can be said he was one of Pennsylvania's outstanding Representatives of all time. "Bill," as we all knew him, was a man whose life was enriched and developed not only by early training but by constant self-discipline in early life, which blended in him gifts and graces which when taken alone are very rare. In all his actions he moved with such ease and courtesy that I think it may be said without exaggeration that wherever he moved he seemed to radiate vitality and charm. He was always calm, strong and self-confident. Never lost his self-possession. Never an unwise act, nor a word spoken in haste or ill-considered. Also, he seemed to have that wider and greater gift—the power of understanding and sympathizing with other people, regardless of whom or what their difficulties may have been. He evidenced a love of people, not so much by honeyed phrases but by good counsel, kind deeds, and useful services.

In all things he had charity. Tolerance was of his nature. He respected in others the quality he possessed himself—sincerity of conviction and frankness of expression.

With him the inquiry was not what a man believed but did he believe it. His lines of friendship and confidants encircled men in every creed. He had a lengthening list of friends in all elements of our social life.

On all problems he responded with an alacrity of a man who had become the willing servant of public duty—always with the same resourcefulness, the same masterly personality which never failed him in any of the fields of action in

which he had been called upon to play his part.

I cannot attempt to grasp and sum up the aggregate of his service in public life in a short space of time, and it is needless; his life comprised a term of some years and produced a performance which I may say genuinely has been by his toil and stimulated by patriotism for his country, a record that has won for him the hearty commendation of the people of his State and Nation.

His abiding faith in the principles of liberty and of the Government, based on the consent of the people as an instrument of human progress, was not the outcome of any vigorous enthusiasm but the deep-rooted growth of long years. He drew his strength from his experience with men and affairs. In all things it can be said he was an American and his ambition was to hand on to posterity and the generation of tomorrow a greater America than was handed on to him.

He had a broad generosity, and extended to his opponents the same sincerity and honesty that he demanded for himself. No man was better equipped for parliamentary warfare than he, with his commanding presence, sinewy diction, and imperturbable self-control.

His genius in politics was a genius of a leader, his dominance based on strength, iron will, irresistible determination, indomitable courage, tireless toil, amazing intellect, and last but not least those qualities of character which command men's trust and confidence.

Such a life as BILL DITTER needs no moralizing from me. His deep and genuine piety—his adherence to his church, his keeping of his own conscience void of offense before God and man, and his characteristics of a spiritual soldier, to me commend our hearty remembrances, more than any other of his accomplishments.

BILL had a goodness of soul, kindness of heart, devotion to duty, and the highest concepts of citizenship. My friends, we will miss the sound of his voice, the grasp of his hand, his hearty laughter, and that fine companionship which we have enjoyed over the years.

For all he tried to do to help his community, his State and his Nation, and his fellowman he regarded as part of his daily routine to be done and not talked about.

BILL was a humble man who delighted in lifting the burdens of life from the shoulders of others. A man who made the best of life as he found it.

A man who rejoiced mightily when any little act or deed of his added to the lives of the rest of us. A man who brought joy to our daily lives and lightened our daily tasks.

So, today, it is with a feeling of deep sadness that we record his passing, and remember him for the many little acts of kindness that have marked his friendship and the good will toward the membership of this House.

We do him this last great honor and may his soul rest in peace.

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. GERLACH].

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, the shocking news I have received this morning of the tragic death of my good friend and colleague, the Honorable J. WILLIAM DITTER, makes this one of the saddest days of my life.

For almost 5 years I have worked with him, and I know that he used every hour to further his ambition that was not personal, but in the interests of the Nation he loved. His great service to all of America, and to his party, was the service of a high-minded, eager, intensely devoted and loyal person. We, on both sides of the aisle in this House, owe him much for having infused such tremendous energy and influence in our work toward a more peaceful intercourse with other countries.

BILL DITTER was still a young man, and though he had ventured far toward his goal of great usefulness to the Nation he honored and revered, he might still have gone on to even more glorious heights. How far, we do not know, for now, as he crashed in what might well be said was the mid-flight of his career, we know only that there remain broken plans and shattered dreams, the last mortal evidence of a distinguished son of Pennsylvania.

Our Republican Party honored this noble friend with positions of importance and trust. He proved, as a Member of this legislative body, to be a student of government and an astute leader of men. The capability, industry, and energy that marked his every day of life brought him distinction as a public figure, and devotion as a trustworthy friend.

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. LANHAM].

Mr. LANHAM. Mr. Speaker, words have not been coined to express at a time like this the emotions of the heart. We are doubly sad in the passing of two distinguished and beloved friends and fellow workers. They have gone, through the guidance of their faith, to the home of the faithful. They have departed from this House to a house not made with hands, where all are of one brotherhood.

At such a time, Mr. Speaker, we realize the vital fact that the basic values of life are spiritual, and as we mourn our loss of these two beloved colleagues, one from each side of the aisle, I can think of no more fitting tribute for us to pay their memory than to carry on together in promoting, personally and governmentally, the teachings of the Master for a better America and for a better world.

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. MURPHY].

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise on this occasion to say a word of tribute about BILL DITTER, because of the very many acts of kindness he has shown to me since I came to this body.

On our trip to Chester to see the launching of the ships, I learned to know him and love him and respect him and admire him.

I can express my sentiments in no better way than in the prayer, "Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him."

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. SHERIDAN].

Mr. SHERIDAN. Mr. Speaker, when the news reached me of the death of BILL DITTER, and sitting here this afternoon and listening to the eulogies paid him, the greatest tribute that has been paid to him by each of our colleagues is that they have referred to him as BILL DITTER. That is the appellation we gave him as a friend. As a colleague you knew him, but I, as a brother member of the bar, knew him in a personal nature. We had been on both sides of the rail, as they say. BILL DITTER was respected and honored and esteemed as an advocate. He went right down the line as one of the most ethical members of the bar of the State of Pennsylvania. I know I speak the sentiment of his friends and brother members of the bar when I say that we join with his family—his widow and his son and daughter—in their hour of bereavement.

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have the right to extend their remarks in the Record at this point.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

There was no objection.

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield at this time to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. SCANLON].

Mr. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, it was with profound sorrow that I heard this morning of the death of our very distinguished and able colleague, BILL DITTER.

A few years ago, when I first came to this House, BILL DITTER was a friend of mine, although he was on the other side of the aisle. He gave me counsel which has helped me greatly in this Congress. We, of Pennsylvania, have lost a great statesman. The Nation has lost a great statesman. Most of all, his wife has lost a devoted husband, and his son and daughter have lost a loving father.

Later on I shall extend my remarks more properly to pay my respects to our beloved friend, BILL DITTER.

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. FENTON].

Mr. FENTON. Mr. Speaker, the sudden and tragic death of J. WILLIAM DITTER has withdrawn from this House one of the most outstanding Members who ever served in the Capitol, particularly from Pennsylvania. Mr. DITTER's untimely demise has occurred in one of the most momentous periods of our history when, as never before, we are in need of men who, like BILL DITTER, know only one "ism" and that is Americanism. Yes, BILL DITTER's intense love for America made him a bitter and dangerous foe of all "isms" but Americanism. God grant that this spirit of his will carry on until we have the peace which now is his.

To discuss BILL DITTER's many accomplishments would require a great amount of time and unlimited space. Suffice it to say that may Mr. DITTER's accomplishments in the vineyard of his

Master be as great as his achievements in the Congress where he served so well and with such outstanding distinction. A fearless and fair fighter, he is beloved by friend and foe alike. His memory will live long in the hearts of his fellow man whom he so faithfully served.

Mr. Speaker, I mourn with my colleagues from Alabama the loss of Mr. STEAGALL. He was indeed a fine gentleman and we will all miss him.

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. KELLEY].

Mr. KELLEY. Mr. Speaker, two of our distinguished and illustrious Members, Mr. HENRY B. STEAGALL and Mr. J. WILLIAM DITTER, have gone to eternity; time has ceased for them. They have gone to their reward which they so richly deserved.

In their labors for years for the common man and the interest of the Nation as a whole they worked diligently and there was a selflessness without thought of what the cost might be to them.

I have a feeling of profound grief this morning and a sense of loss sustained by this body. I wish to extend my sincere and deepest sympathy to their families in their loss.

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. ROLPH].

Mr. ROLPH. Mr. Speaker, WILLIAM DITTER, Republican! HENRY STEAGALL, Democrat! Until 3 years ago, when I came to the House, I did not know either of these gentlemen, yet my association with them has become so close that it would seem as though I have known them all my life. I want to pay tribute at this particular time to HENRY STEAGALL, who was the chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee, of which I am a member. My association with him has always been particularly friendly. Although Mr. STEAGALL was leader of the majority and I a very humble member of the minority, he was always courteous, always helpful, and always patient. As a matter of fact, I had an engagement with HENRY STEAGALL for the latter part of this week, after the Commodity Credit Corporation bill was disposed of, to talk over certain legislation I intend to sponsor.

The Nation will be hard put to secure men to fill the places of these two outstanding Americans. I extend affectionate, heartfelt sympathy to their loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, I should like at this time to repeat, in memory of these two great colleagues of ours, words penned by a fellow San Franciscan, Anna Newbegin. These lines are captioned "All's well":

ALL'S WELL

Whatever comes is best—'tis the true way
That we should meet the hours in faith and say,

"What's mine no one can keep or take away.
I'll give the best in song, in joy, or pain,
And leave all else without a thought of gain."
When twilight falls, and rest is mine, with care,

My soul can say, "All's well, here, everywhere."

—Anna Newbegin.

Mr. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Washington [Mr. COFFEE].

Mr. COFFEE. Mr. Speaker, I know how feeble and inept are mere words orally spoken on this floor as instruments wherewith adequately to convey a con-dign tribute to the memory of two of the most distinguished Members of this body.

The House of Representatives has today indeed sustained a telling and a crushing blow in the shocking news transmitted to us of the sudden passing from our midst of these two renowned statesmen. HENRY STEAGALL has many achievements geared to his memory that will remain long alive in the hearts of men, which must be a consolation ever to his family and a source of solace to them when they recall how in these acts he has helped so much the lot of the plain citizen of the United States. Particularly crushing was it to us to sustain this blow when the bill of which he was the chief protagonist, the continuation of the Commodity Credit Corporation, was scheduled to be up for vote today.

For J. WILLIAM DITTER I have conceived the profoundest admiration and the deepest affection having served with him as a colleague on the Subcommittee on Appropriations dealing with naval appropriations. Day after day I would, figuratively speaking, sit at his feet and listen in the utmost admiration to the words so fluently pouring forth from his lips. BILL DITTER was gifted as are few men endowed with the power of felicitous and extemporaneous expression. He was a great lawyer, a scholar, patriot, and, above all, a humanitarian. His heart was as big as the world, and although often on this floor in sharp debate he would engage in colloquies with Members on the opposite side of the aisle on political discussions, we could always take without asperity from Bill the good-natured criticisms he enjoyed making in respect to Democratic Party policies, because we knew that he had a keen sense of humor and a flashing wit which softened the sting in any argument he might make. His spirit was magnanimous, his soul was big, his interests were all embracing. Yes; we can ill afford to lose these two men from the House of Representatives. I think it very fitting and proper that the Members of the House in such numbers today are moved to go down into the Well and from their hearts let flow a few words that may in some measure mitigate the severity of the blow and the intensity of the grief for the surviving members of the families of these two statesmen who have today gone from among us.

Mr. REED of New York. Mr. Speaker, two great statesmen, both dear friends of mine, Hon. HENRY STEAGALL and Hon. J. WILLIAM DITTER, have within the past few hours been called from our midst. I shall at this time speak only of Hon. J. WILLIAM DITTER of the State of Pennsylvania. It is difficult when the heart is full to give expression to the affection which one feels for a departed friend. I must confess that seldom has the unexpected passing of a friend inflicted a deeper wound upon my heart than the

sudden and tragic death of him whom we all affectionately addressed as "Bill." While we have each lost one of the finest and truest friends, the great State of Pennsylvania has lost an outstanding statesman who has represented one of its congressional districts with marked ability and fidelity. The range of the influence of Hon. J. WILLIAM DITTER was not only State-wide but Nation-wide. It has been said that no man is worth more than he contributes to the social, civic, and spiritual upbuilding of his community, State, and Nation. Measured by the contributions of our dear friend "BILL" DITTER in these three fields of endeavor he has won the only true worth to which a man of his excellent character would aspire.

I extend my deepest sympathy in this time of their great grief to Mrs. Ditter and to the other members of his family.

Mr. WOLVERTON of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today we are saddened by the news that has come to us of the passing away of our esteemed colleague, J. WILLIAM DITTER, of Pennsylvania. There was nothing that more certainly evidenced the friendly feeling of the Members of this House toward him than the custom of each to call him "Bill." It indicated above all else the affectionate regard in which he was held by the membership of this House, Democrats and Republicans, alike. He was a kindly soul, friendly to all and always anxious to be helpful to all.

His memory will linger long and pleasantly with all who have had the privilege of acquaintanceship with him. It was my privilege to know him intimately. We were closely associated. As a result of this intimate friendship I knew the fine qualities of character and mind he possessed. Above all else he had the courage of his convictions, and, yet he could press his point in debate with vigor and strength without offending those with differing views. He was willing to acknowledge to them the same sincerity of purpose that characterized his own actions and words. "BILL" DITTER was a big man in every sense of the word.

He has served his Nation and State faithfully and well. He always thought in terms of the welfare of the Nation and its people. His service in building and strengthening our naval forces will ever be a monument to his love of country and his fidelity to the best interests of national defense and security.

The life that he has lived in our midst can well be an inspiration to each of us, who remain, to serve with equal courage, vision, and singleness of purpose. In the measure that we do so, then, to that extent will we merit similar tribute to that which has been so fittingly expressed today toward our deceased colleague.

Mr. O'NEAL. Mr. Speaker, the most satisfying reward for service in Congress is in the friendships which are made and in the daily contact with worth-while colleagues.

I have sat with WILLIAM DITTER from 2 to 4 hours a day for months at a time as a Member of the Appropriations Committee. I knew him well from daily observation and under conditions which

bring into the open the true abilities and character of men. We have agreed often, we have battled often.

He had a remarkable facility of expression, a brilliant intellect, great courage and determination, and the capacity for friendship possessed only by men who are true, sincere, and fine in their thinking and living.

To have had such a friend as WILLIAM DITTER is to increase your faith in human nature, and to lose him brings a sorrow and a sense of loss that cannot be expressed.

Mr. MONKIEWICZ. Mr. Speaker, the Congress of the United States was shocked with the news of the untimely death of the Honorable J. WILLIAM DITTER, of Pennsylvania.

In these trying days when strong men are sought for leadership, the Congress of the United States was most fortunate in having among its numbers a colleague to whom it could look for such leadership. By far the outstanding debater on the floor of the House of Representatives, he always guided his argument within the bounds of ethics. No problem was too difficult for him to deal with to the minutest detail. A keen and thorough analyst he was blessed with such fluency that he was able to make difficult tasks appear simple. Well grounded in the history of our country, he was well equipped to handle any task assigned to him. His sense of humor made the duller topic interesting. As a political leader he had the affection of those with whom he was associated and commanded the respect of his opponents. While he was a keen contestant, he was always kind to his rival. He was the idol of lovers of debate.

The House of Representatives in the demise of J. WILLIAM DITTER has lost an orator, who will be missed in these trying moments.

I join with all my other colleagues in expressing my deep and sincere feelings and sympathy to the members of his family.

Mr. SPRINGER. Mr. Speaker, I desire to pay my tribute to one of the outstanding Members of the House of Representatives who has gone before us, the Honorable J. WILLIAM DITTER, of Pennsylvania. Last week he was among us, but on yesterday he was snatched away; we mourn his untimely death today.

Our fine colleague, who was strong in character, lovable by nature, dynamic in his presentation of the facts on every issue, pleasing in personality, and loyal in his friendships, was a great statesman and one of the outstanding legislators in this body.

It is tragic, indeed, that life must cease. Life is sweet to every citizen. The end comes all too soon, and the cares and responsibilities which have been assumed must be laid aside to be taken over by another. That is the roadway which all must travel. Yet it is extremely regrettable, at this moment, to have great men suddenly taken away from our midst when the demands are great upon the master minds of our country. We need men today as we have never needed them before. The demands upon those in high

legislative positions are greater than ever before. We need their counsel, their wisdom, and their advice.

Mr. Speaker, today we suffer a dual loss in this Chamber. Our colleague, Representative STEAGALL, of Alabama, has answered the summons this morning. My loyal and personal friend, Representative DITTER, of Pennsylvania, suffered death yesterday evening in a most unfortunate airplane crash. The passing of these two outstanding Members of the House is a heavy blow indeed. We can ill-afford to lose any of our Members at this trying period in the history of our country. These two Members were leaders in the House, and it is a sad hour as we reflect that they will be with us no more. They have crossed the bar—their duties on earth have been completed.

Mr. Speaker, as we reflect upon the suddenness of the departure of our friends we are constrained to value their lives' work and the result of their efforts. My friend of a few hours ago, WILL DITTER, was a human dynamo of energy; he was constantly working for the best interest of his country; he was both keen and fearless in debate; he was never known to resort to uncompromising tactics as he matched his wits against another; he was kind and considerate, as he was good; he was a genuine friend to all, and his sturdy loyalty was his badge of honor as he walked along the pathways of life. He was a Christian gentleman, husband, and father. During the years he taught in our schools, and in the afteryears when he engaged in the practice of his chosen profession—the law—he carried those ideals into the national legislative halls, where he stood foursquare for his country and the Constitution of the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, thus we behold the life and character of our friend, our friend in his better days, WILL DITTER. His works stand before us. We cannot pronounce any encomium for him—he needs none. His life and his accomplishments stand stalwart and alone; they are his own memorial; they reflect their beauty and their splendor before us.

My humble tribute to him, my friend, I give in the words of a great hero in the days gone by: "This was a man."

Mr. MICHENER. Mr. Speaker, it is with sad hearts that we convene today. I came to my office shortly after eight this morning, much depressed because of the untimely death of BILL DITTER of Pennsylvania. Between that time and 10 o'clock, the Death Angel had knocked at our door again. This time it was HENRY STEAGALL, of Alabama. These gentlemen were typical representatives of their people in this great parliamentary body. Each was a leader in his own right. Each wore spurs of his own winning. They were credits to their respective districts, their States, and, yes, they were both national figures, and deservedly so. HENRY STEAGALL was one of my early acquaintances in Congress. I met him first in 1919. He was a typical southern gentleman of the old school, always kind, gentle, and considerate of the other fellow. During all these years I have never heard him utter an unkind,

vindictive, or a stinging word on the floor, in the committee room, or in private conversation. This can be said of few men, but this was HENRY STEAGALL.

The laudatory eulogies of those who have preceded me today are not extravagant. They are real. They are genuine. If ever a man died in the harness, working for a cause in which he sincerely believed, that man was HENRY STEAGALL. He was an outstanding Democrat and, as stated in his speech on the floor last Thursday, it was his pleasure, and he considered it his duty, to go along with his political party, if and when he could do so without doing violence to his best judgment and his conscience. Surely it was distasteful for him to take the position which he took in that last memorable speech. Yet again, this is the type of man he was. We need more of HENRY STEAGALL's sincerity and independence in the Halls of Congress.

While he had but 10 years' service in the House, no Member was better and more favorably known than J. WILLIAM DITTER. He was an exceptional individual in many particulars. He was a statesman of high order. He was an outstanding debater. With a splendid vocabulary, a keen analytical mind, a pleasing personality, he was a factor to be reckoned with in every phase of congressional life.

Yes, BILL DITTER was a politician, and I use this word in its highest connotation. He was a student of the science of government. He was a disciple of American constitutional philosophy. He was a thorough believer in the American way of life, and was loath to be led astray by isms, promises, or what have you. He knew that our form of government was based upon the two-party system and he always responded to the defense of that system. As between the two great parties, he was a Republican by conviction. He believed in a majority rule. He was a political partisan but never permitted that partisanship to interfere with Americanism. He set a splendid example which was most helpful, most inspiring, and most beneficial, especially to the newer Members. The esteem in which he was held is well exemplified by the splendid things that have been said here today.

Mr. Speaker, any additional words of mine would be but repetition, and I conclude by saying that it is a privilege to pay my tribute of honor, love, and respect to the life, character, and memory of my good friend, BILL DITTER.

Mr. MILLER of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, our hearts are heavy and our minds fall to function as they should. We are saddened by the announcement of the death of two distinguished American gentlemen, with long years of service in the House of Representatives.

The Honorable J. WILLIAM DITTER or, as he was affectionately known, BILL DITTER, was the first Member of Congress that I called upon after my election, November 1938. I will never forget that first visit with BILL DITTER. As I was leaving his office, he asked, "Where do you want to go from here?" and when I told him that I wanted to call at the

office of the Clerk of the House, he took me over to the Capitol and introduced me to Mr. Trimble. Later I found out that such thoughtfulness was typical of BILL DITTER. I have always felt free to call on him for advice. He was never too busy to talk to a new Member of the House.

In January 1939, it was my good fortune to be assigned to the Banking and Currency Committee. I soon learned to respect and admire the chairman of that committee, the Honorable HENRY STEAGALL. I loved to listen to his homely illustrations. I recall many of the things he said to us in his address to the House on Thursday last. Many of us smiled when he said, "I have been home recently and it is good to go home." He may have been referring to political considerations, but I think he also meant that it is good to go home in another way. He loved Alabama and he loved to go home.

To know both of these distinguished gentlemen has been a privilege. The lives of those who came in contact with them have been enriched. May I extend my deepest sympathy to the bereaved families of our two departed comrades, who meant so much to both of them.

"It is good to go home"—and these colleagues of ours have but gone home.

The SPEAKER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will later announce the committees to accompany the remains of the late Mr. STEAGALL.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MARTIN].

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, for the information of the House may I say that funeral services for the Honorable J. WILLIAM DITTER will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 2 p. m. from the Methodist Church in Ambler, Pa.

The SPEAKER. The Chair announces as members of the committee to accompany the remains of the late Mr. DITTER the following: MESSRS. WOLFENDEN of Pennsylvania, KINZER, SIMPSON of Pennsylvania, RODGERS of Pennsylvania, GRAHAM, TABER, WIGGLESWORTH, WALTERS, BRADLEY of Pennsylvania, and CANNON of Missouri.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, as a further mark of respect to the memory of our departed colleagues the distinguished gentleman from Alabama [Mr. STEAGALL] and the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. DITTER], I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 53 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, November 23, 1943, at 12 o'clock noon.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Foreign Affairs will resume consideration on Tuesday, November 23, 1943, at 10 a. m., on House Resolutions 350 and 352, providing for

the establishment by the Executive of a commission to effectuate the rescue of the Jewish people of Europe.

COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE

There will be a meeting of a subcommittee of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, at 2 p. m., Tuesday, November 23, 1943.

Business to be considered: A hearing on the bill, H. R. 2862, "A bill to amend section 31 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934."

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. CLARK: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 360. Resolution for the consideration of H. R. 3687, a bill to provide revenue, and for other purposes; without amendment (Rept. No. 878). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. RIVERS:

H. R. 3703. A bill relating to longevity pay of certain Army personnel; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

H. R. 3704. A bill to provide pay and allowances for temporary members of the Coast Guard Reserve during periods of disability resulting from injuries sustained or disease contracted in active service during the present war, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

By Mr. BUFFETT:

H. R. 3705. A bill to amend the act relating to the construction and maintenance of a bridge across the Missouri River at or near Nebraska City, Nebr.; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. SCANLON:

H. R. 3706. A bill to postpone discharges of members of the military and naval forces for 1 year during which time they shall be in the Reserves, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. SHAFER:

H. R. 3707. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930, with respect to the duty on waterleaf paper; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. R. 3708. A bill to provide a national cemetery in every State and such additional national cemeteries as the Secretary of War determines to be needed; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, private bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. CHENOWETH:

H. R. 3709. A bill for the relief of Harley E. Carter; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. GREEN:

H. R. 3710. A bill for the relief of Jacob Wilkes Beasley; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. MERRITT:

H. R. 3711. A bill to authorize the presentation to James J. Conroy of a Distinguished Service Cross; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of the rule XXII, petitions and papers were laid on the Clerks' desk and referred as follows:

3666. By Mr. SCHIFFLER: Petition of Alto Brant Cipolletti and other citizens of Follansbee, W. Va., opposing House bill 2082; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3667. Also, petition of C. R. Orton, chairman of the West Virginia State Planning Board, endorsing and urging the location of a pilot plant in West Virginia for the production of oil, gasoline, and other valuable and essential byproducts from bituminous coal; to the Committee on Mines and Mining.

3668. By Mr. LEWIS of Ohio: Petition of Della Armstrong and 29 other residents of Barnesville, Ohio, urging passage of House bill 2082; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3669. By Mr. FLOESER: Petition of John J. Notz and 20 petitioners of St. Louis, Mo., protesting against the enactment of any and all prohibition legislation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3670. Also, petition of Carl Mull and 20 petitioners of St. Louis, Mo., protesting against the enactment of any and all prohibition legislation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3671. Also, petition of E. J. Smith and 20 petitioners of St. Louis, Mo., protesting against the enactment of any and all prohibition legislation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3672. Also, petition of Fred Pillner and 20 petitioners of St. Louis, Mo., protesting against the enactment of any and all prohibition legislation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3673. By Mr. SCRIVNER: Petition of sundry citizens of Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kans., urging passage of House bill 2082, to reduce absenteeism, conserve manpower, and speed production of materials necessary for the winning of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3674. By Mr. BRYSON: Petition of Nora J. Borden and 56 other citizens of Waterloo, Iowa, urging enactment of House bill 2082, a measure to reduce absenteeism, conserve manpower, and speed production of materials necessary for the winning of the war by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcoholic liquors in the United States for the duration of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3675. Also, petition of 47 members of the Salem Covenant Church, Duluth, Minn., urging enactment of House bill 2082, a measure to reduce absenteeism, conserve manpower, and speed production of materials necessary for the winning of the war by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcoholic liquors in the United States for the duration of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3676. Also, petition of Mrs. B. R. Davis and 77 other citizens of Wilkinsburg, Pa., urging enactment of House bill 2082, a measure to reduce absenteeism, conserve manpower, and speed production of materials necessary for the winning of the war by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcoholic liquors in the United States for the duration of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3677. Also, petition of C. F. McBride and 73 other citizens of Struthers, Ohio, urging enactment of House bill 2082, a measure to reduce absenteeism, conserve manpower, and speed production of materials necessary for the winning of the war by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcoholic liquors in the United States for the duration of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3678. Also, petition of Rev. Revilo M. Stan-dish and 38 members of Grace Methodist

Church, St. Petersburg, Fla., urging enactment of House bill 2082, a measure to reduce absenteeism, conserve manpower, and speed production of materials necessary for the winning of the war by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcoholic liquors in the United States for the duration of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3679. Also, petition of Mrs. Bailey Hubbard and 44 members of Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Alba, Mo., urging enactment of House bill 2082, a measure to reduce absenteeism, conserve manpower, and speed production of materials necessary for the winning of the war by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcoholic liquors in the United States for the duration of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3680. Also, petition of Rev. C. R. Heisey and 146 members of the Brethren in Christ Church, Upland, Calif., urging enactment of House bill 2082, a measure to reduce absenteeism, conserve manpower, and speed production of materials necessary for the winning of the war by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcoholic liquors in the United States for the duration of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3681. Also, petition of Rev. S. E. Boyle and 45 citizens of Sterling, Kans., urging enactment of House bill 2082, a measure to reduce absenteeism, conserve manpower, and speed production of materials necessary for the winning of the war by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcoholic liquors in the United States for the duration of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3682. Also, petition of Mamie A. Miller and 88 citizens of Denver, Colo., urging enactment of House bill 2082, a measure to reduce absenteeism, conserve manpower, and speed production of materials necessary for the winning of the war by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcoholic liquors in the United States for the duration of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3683. Also, petition of Mrs. C. M. Pickler and 120 other citizens of Memphis, Tenn., urging enactment of House bill 2082, a measure to reduce absenteeism, conserve manpower, and speed production of materials necessary for the winning of the war by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcoholic liquors in the United States for the duration of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3684. Also, petition of Rev. C. E. Belew and 106 citizens of Strong City, Okla., urging enactment of House bill 2082, a measure to reduce absenteeism, conserve manpower, and speed production of materials necessary for the winning of the war by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcoholic liquors in the United States for the duration of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3685. Also, petition of Mrs. C. Hollebrands and 93 other citizens of Chicago, Ill., urging enactment of House bill 2082, a measure to reduce absenteeism, conserve manpower, and speed production of materials necessary for the winning of the war by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcoholic liquors in the United States for the duration of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3686. Also, petition of Laura R. Ecker and 18 citizens of Pottstown, Pa., urging enactment of House bill 2082, a measure to reduce

absenteeism, conserve manpower, and speed production of materials necessary for the winning of the war by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcoholic liquors in the United States for the duration of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3687. Also, petition of Rev. F. D. Walker and 91 members of Church of Christ, Jamestown, Ohio, urging enactment of House bill 2082, a measure to reduce absenteeism, conserve manpower, and speed production of materials necessary for the winning of the war by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcoholic liquors in the United States for the duration of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3688. Also, petition of Gertrude Duteil and 21 other citizens of North College Hill, Ohio, urging enactment of House bill 2082, a measure to reduce absenteeism, conserve manpower, and speed production of materials necessary for the winning of the war by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcoholic liquors in the United States for the duration of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3689. Also, petition of Mrs. William North and 32 other citizens of Erie, Pa., urging enactment of House bill 2082, a measure to reduce absenteeism, conserve manpower, and speed production of materials necessary for the winning of the war by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcoholic liquors in the United States for the duration of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3690. Also, petition of Mrs. E. T. Koska and 20 other citizens of Arlington Heights, Ill., urging enactment of House bill 2082, a measure to reduce absenteeism, conserve manpower, and speed production of materials necessary for the winning of the war by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcoholic liquors in the United States for the duration of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3691. Also, petition of Grant H. Cole and 26 other citizens of Spokane, Wash., urging enactment of House bill 2082, a measure to reduce absenteeism, conserve manpower, and speed production of materials necessary for the winning of the war by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcoholic liquors in the United States for the duration of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3692. Also, petition of Rev. Ernest L. Decker and 80 members of the First Presbyterian Church of Canon City, Colo., urging enactment of House bill 2082, a measure to reduce absenteeism, conserve manpower, and speed production of materials necessary for the winning of the war by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcoholic liquors in the United States for the duration of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3693. Also, petition of Rev. J. G. Burt Easton and 50 other citizens of Vestal, N. Y., urging enactment of House bill 2082, a measure to reduce absenteeism, conserve manpower, and speed production of materials necessary for the winning of the war by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcoholic liquors in the United States for the duration of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3694. By Mr. FISH: Petition of Zebulon Davis, of Patterson, N. Y., and 30 other residents of the Twenty-sixth Congressional District, requesting the passage of House bill

2082, introduced by Hon. JOSEPH R. BRYSON, of South Carolina, to reduce absenteeism, conserve manpower, and speed production of materials necessary for the winning of the war by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcoholic liquors in the United States for the duration of the war and until the termination of mobilization; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3695. Also, petition of the Rogers Liquor Co., Inc., of Albany, N. Y., together with 41 other residents of Fishkill and other towns in the Twenty-sixth Congressional District, protesting against the passage of House bill 2082, known as the Bryson bill, which would impose complete prohibition for the duration of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3696. By Mr. HORAN: Petition of A. L. Curtis and 85 other members of the Brig & Fo'c'sle Club of Spokane, Wash., protesting against the passage of legislation designed to bring about prohibition under the guise of a war measure or otherwise, with particular reference to House bill 2082 and Senate bill 860; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3697. By Mr. HEIDINGER: Communication signed by Agnes Choisser, Percy T. Choisser, Eugene B. Goe, and Ruth Mills, all of Eldorado, Ill., opposing Senate bill 1161; to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

3698. Also, petition signed by Milton J. Dold and others, of Flora, Ill., opposing section 3 of House bill 3477; to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

3699. By Mr. COCHRAN: Resolution adopted by the American Hebrew Aid Society of St. Louis, favoring the passage of House bills 49 and 2328; to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

3700. By Mr. SMITH of Wisconsin: Petition of the Janesville Production Credit Association, Janesville, Wis.; to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

3701. By Mr. HORAN: Petition of the Bowling Operators Association of Seattle, Wash., protesting against the new excise tax planned for bowling alleys and billiard tables; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3702. Also, petition of Della Krehbiel and 14 other residents of Odessa, Wash., urging the promotion of House bill 2849 and toward getting Senate bill 637 out of committee as it was originally introduced; to the Committee on Education.

3703. By Mr. GRAHAM: Petition of the Democratic Women's Club, of Slippery Rock Township, Pa., urging the unimpaired continuance of the agricultural program of the triple A as inaugurated by Congress in 1938 with all the forces necessary to carry on a progressive program in these desperate days of need; to the Committee on Agriculture.

3704. By Mr. FITZPATRICK: Petition signed by members of the Consumers Service Center, of the Bronx, N. Y., opposing the passage of House bill 3744 and favoring the payment of subsidies to prevent price increases or to roll-back prices; to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

3705. By Mr. LUDLOW: Petition of sundry residents of the State of Indiana, favoring the enactment of Senate bill 1161 and House bill 2861; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3706. By the SPEAKER: Petition of the acting director, Michigan Board of Aeronautics, protesting against the passage of House bill 3420, affecting air commerce; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.